

Oak Newsletter - Term 1 2023



Dear Oak Families,

We wish all of you a warm welcome to Oak Class! Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Farmer Duck, Little Red Hen, A Place Called Home, What Makes Me a Me, and Different is a Great Thing to Be.

We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world. We will think about our families and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, embarking on a tour of our new school and the grounds. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds, following the scheme of Little Wandle.

Please refer to the separate letter which provides more information about how it operates.

Reading	<p>Your child will bring books home each week. One of these books will be a Little Wandle book and it will remain the same all week. The idea is that it is read repeatedly to give your child confidence and fluency. The other books will be more regularly changed. It is essential that the book wallets are returned each day as we will be using these books in reading sessions.</p> <p>Please do share this book with your child as often as you can. Initially, the books that you share will not have any words in them - at this stage it is helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section. We will be holding a reading meeting to discuss reading strategies and to share more information with you in the coming weeks.</p>
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Little Wandle Letters & Sounds	<p>Each week, the Little Wandle planning will be shared with you in your child's homework book. You will be able to see which sounds and which tricky words they will be working that week.</p> <p>It would be useful to support the children in identifying these sounds and tricky words when reading with them at home. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds, please use the support recommended below. We have noticed that those children who are aware of the sounds that we will be covering benefit greatly from this knowledge.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of numbers, as well as following a White Rose scheme. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.</p>

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** and a **full change of clothes** in a named plastic bag.
- Ensure children's uniform, outdoor clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes and any additional items are named.
- Our regular PE day is on **Wednesday**. The children will change for PE at school and their PE bags must be in school all term. They will be returned at the end of terms for washing. They will have an additional physical development session on Thursdays, but the children will remain in uniform.

Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school. Home learning expectations are stated in the attached letter.

Phonics – If you are supporting your child with their phonics at home please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way. In addition, refer to the Little Wandle 'pronunciation guidance' in their reading folders for extra guidance.

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk – Early Years maths and phonics games.

[.https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks) - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Taylor and Miss Waterman.