

Oak Class Newsletter Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your kind gifts, cards and warm wishes at the end of last term. They were greatly appreciated.

We hope that you all had a healthy and restful break during the Christmas holiday and that the children are looking forward to another busy and exciting term!

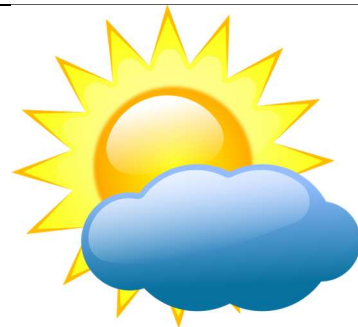
The routine of the day remains the same as last term. We start at 9am and finish at 3.20pm, with Reception having their lunch at 11.55am.

For snack in the morning and afternoon, we provide the children with a piece of fruit. Of course, if they would prefer, you can send a morning and afternoon snack for your child. We would request, however, that snacks consist of healthy items, such as fruit or a cereal bar (no nuts please!) and that any containers are clearly named.

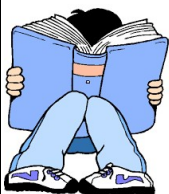
Under 5 year olds are also offered free milk with their morning snack.

The topics this term for Reception will be **Off We Zoom! and **Come Outside!****

Please see the Reception topic web for information about each subject.



Book bags and home reading



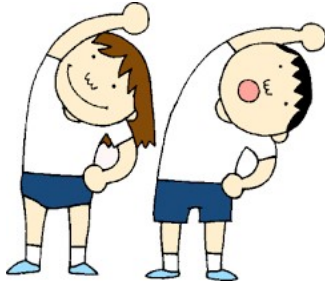
Reading books will continue to be changed on **Wednesdays**. We change them when they have read both books twice and this has been recorded by you in their Reading Record book. The children are expected to read at home every day, so it would normally take about a week to read two books. Please also spend time talking about the books that your child has read to you, as this is a very important part of developing their reading comprehension.

Please send your child to school with their book bag every day, containing their Reading Record book and their reading book, so that your child can read their current book to us as well.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Any lost items we find will be put in a lost property box in our cloakroom.

PE Session



This term, the children will continue to have their PE session on **Mondays**. This will usually take place outside, but if the weather is too wet or cold, they will have their lesson inside, so the children will need a white t-shirt, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms / leggings, a sweatshirt and trainers in their PE kit. Please remember that they will be outside for an hour during their PE lesson, so their clothing needs to be warm enough for this. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any leftover clothes at the end of the session.

Oak Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on **Thursday 6th February at 2.30pm** which you are warmly invited to attend. Afterwards there will be a chance to come back to the classroom to look at the work the children have done so far in Reception.

Outdoor Clothing

Your child will have brought their indoor shoes home at the end of the Autumn term, so please ensure that these have been returned. Wellies can be kept at school and stored in our outdoor area.

Many of the children are bringing gloves, scarves and hats to school. Please write your child's name in these, so that we can return any unclaimed items to the correct child.

Homework

Thank you for your support with homework over the past term. Engaging with the homework tasks consolidates the children's learning each week and it is a great way to encourage your child to talk about what they have been doing at school.

Homework will be set every **Friday**. Please watch the homework video before completing the homework tasks and ensure that your child's homework book is returned by **Wednesday** each week.



Parent Consultations

These will take place on the **Tuesday 18th** and **Thursday 20th March** and you will receive more details about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions before then, please speak to us at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, you can email us:

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Staffing

Mrs Morrison will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Laurence will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Throughout the week the Reception teachers are supported by a team of wonderful teaching assistants.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Laurence