

Dear Parents / Carers

Oak Class – Year 5/6

I am very pleased to welcome your children to Oak Class. This term, mornings will focus each day on Spelling, English, Reading and Maths. Afternoons will focus alternately on Science, Art, R.E., P.E., French and Computing. As well as settling the children back into school, we will be looking for all children to make rapid progress and are working to identify any gaps in learning or next steps to support this. I will be in contact with you in due course to discuss your children's progress with you.

For a more detailed overview of plans for the term, please see the Oak Class curriculum map on our website.

P.E.

P.E. will be every Thursday afternoon this term. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Thursdays. Kit should be warm enough to wear all day and suitable for outdoor P.E. as the temperature cools.

Home Learning

The home learning cycle will run from Tuesday to Tuesday. Each Tuesday children will be set:

- **MyMaths** - Challenges will be set relating to work being completed in class.
- **SpAG.com** - A practice test will be set.
- **Spellings** - These will be uploaded to the children's **online folders**, clearly labelled with the week to which they relate. The weekly spellings will be tested each Tuesday.
- **Reading.** Children should read each evening and bring their reading record to school each day with comments about what they have read. Children's comments should focus on explaining what they have read, for example if a child says that they are enjoying the book because it is amusing, they should provide an example of something they found particularly funny. I am in the school library each lunchtime to enable children to change their reading books when they are ready and will be encouraging all children to choose from a wide range of literature.

- Children will also have access to:
 - **Timetable Rockstars.** Children should try to practise their number facts at home at least twice a week.
 - **Bug Club.** A wide range of books can be read online and there is an opportunity to answer comprehension questions to demonstrate understanding (and to earn points to play games!).

I'm looking forward to working closely with you to support your children's progress in what I hope will be a happy and productive term.

With best wishes,

Geoff Harris
Class Teacher