



18<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a very nice Christmas! It was really nice to hear all about what a lovely Christmas the children had. They were certainly excited about sharing their stories!

This letter is to inform you of what will be happening over the next term, a few reminders and some of the changes that have occurred.

During the Spring Term our school curriculum focus is Geography. In Oak Class we are looking at continents and the countries within them, with a particular focus on Africa. The children will be participating in activities that involve research, map reading skills and making comparisons between a village in Africa and Denton looking at both the similarities and differences.

In Literacy our topic is based on Traditional Tales. Their written work will focus on story writing, word classes (adjectives, nouns and verbs), role-play, story maps, hot seating, character profiles and writing our own versions of a Tradition Tale.

The children will be given one piece of maths, phonics or literacy homework that will normally be set to consolidate their learning that has occurred during the week. This homework will be given out on a Friday and expected back by the following Thursday, at the latest.

I would also like to invite you into Oak Class on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> March from 9:00am until 9:20am to have a look at what we have been covering in our maths lessons. The session will involve participating in activities with your children which will work towards further consolidating their understanding of mathematical concepts. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions please fill in the form attached to this letter.

It is tremendously important that the children are reading at home with an adult. It would be really appreciated that when the children have been listened to their progress is recorded in their reading record books. These recordings in their reading records help us to determine whether their books should be changed. The reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Friday every week.

The children are allocated spellings which will be set on a Tuesday and tested on the following Tuesday (it is very important that all spellings are learned to help with their writing and reading skills). The children will have spellings each week which will focus on our phase five sounds.

The PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon so could you please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school on those days.

If you have any concerns or questions please do contact me.

Many thanks,

Emily Whitaker (Oak Class Teacher)

