



Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to inform you of what will be happening over the next few weeks, a few reminders and some of the changes that have occurred. In Oak Class there is myself, Miss Paula Walton (Teaching Assistant) and Karen Minney (Teaching Assistant).

During the Autumn Term our school curriculum focus is Art. In Oak Class we are heavily concentrating on portraits. We will be looking into different artists and how their techniques and styles differ. Then we will be trying out these styles ourselves! When we come to looking into the history of different artists it will provide us with links to Geography as we will be able to look into where the artists are from. Therefore this will develop their knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality.

In maths we will be looking closely at number bonds to 5, 10 and 20. As well as addition and subtraction number sentences, discussing where the largest number is placed. At the end of the term we will be learning about measurement. Our literacy lessons will consist of looking at the book Tuesday by David Wiesner. We will be carrying out a variety of acting and writing activities linked to the book.

The children will also be given one piece of maths or literacy homework over the next couple of weeks 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.

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 either by writing a comment. The children will be given four books to read over the space of a week and it is their responsibility to change the books once read. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be allocated spellings. These spellings 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 be a combination of phonetically decodable words which will build on their phonics skills and Common Exception Words List, also known as Tricky Words as they are unable to be decoded.

The PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday and a Friday so could you please ensure that the children have their labelled 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)