



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 History. In Oak Class we are looking at the Great Fire of London. The children will be participating in activities that involve research, hot seating, interviewing and making comparisons between life during 1666 and the present day, looking at both the similarities and differences.

In Literacy our topic is based on looking at books written by Dr. Seuss, focusing on Horton Hears a Who and the Cat in the Hat. We will be looking at sentence structure and learning new vocabulary. There will be a particular emphasis on the use of adjectives and beginning to use speech in our writing.

The children will be given one piece of Maths, Phonics, Science 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 7th February, 21st February, 28th February and 7th March 9:00am until 9:15am 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)