

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of Oak Class,

Welcome back to our new school year. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer! The children have enjoyed their first few days back and we are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. This newsletter is to let you know about the learning in our class over the next term.

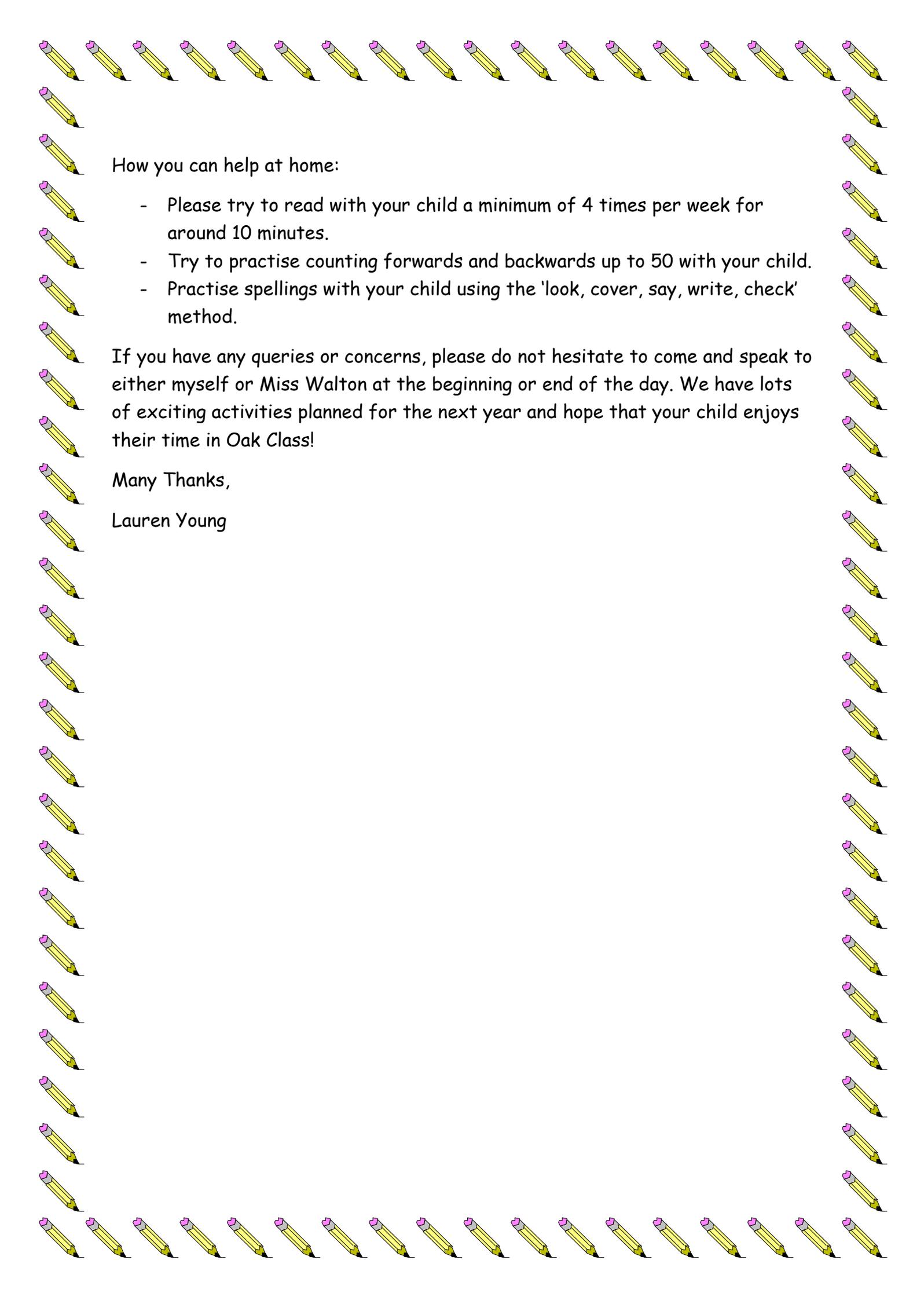
In maths we are consolidating our counting up to 20, finding one more than and one less than identified numbers, and adding and subtracting one-digit numbers. We will be using lots of objects and pictures to help our understanding. In Literacy we will be looking at story writing. This term we will be specifically focussing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing. Guided reading will take place twice a week and reading books will be changed as necessary.

This term our science focus will be plants and we will be planting our own beans and recording their growth over the term. In art, we will be practising using different techniques to draw and create our own art work; we will be looking at artists such as 'Kandinsky'. In RE we will be looking at Christianity and the different stories related to this religion.

A snack at morning break is provided by the school, however, if you would like to bring in your own please feel free. A water bottle tray is located by the door and children will have access to this throughout the school day. If you forget your child's water bottle please let us know and we can provide a cup for your child to drink from.

Important days:

- PE will take place every Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) afternoons, as the weather gets colder please may you send in tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE on a Thursday.
- Spellings will be handed out every Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday- the first set will be sent out on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Homework will be set every Friday and should be handed in the following Thursday- the first homework will be set on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- Maths games will be sent home every Monday and should be given back the following Monday, these are not compulsory to complete they are just something extra to do at home if you would like to.



How you can help at home:

- Please try to read with your child a minimum of 4 times per week for around 10 minutes.
- Try to practise counting forwards and backwards up to 50 with your child.
- Practise spellings with your child using the 'look, cover, say, write, check' method.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to either myself or Miss Walton at the beginning or end of the day. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the next year and hope that your child enjoys their time in Oak Class!

Many Thanks,

Lauren Young