

# Autumn Term 2023

## Welcome to Oak Class



Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer break. I am delighted to be teaching the children in Oak Class this year, some of whom I have enjoyed teaching before and some of whom I am very much looking forward to getting to know better. Mrs Lynn Wroe will be our teaching assistant in the mornings again this year. She has worked with many of your children before and is an exceptionally important member of our team.

### New Arrivals

Joining us for Year 6 in Oak Class are Riley and Patrick. We welcome them to Martley and look forward to helping them settle in over the next few weeks.

### Arrival and Dismissal

Children can arrive at school between **8:45am** and **9:00am** for our soft start. Oak Class children use the pupil entrance and their lockers will either be located to the left or directly outside our classroom door. Home time is at **3:20pm** and pick up is from the Oak Class door. Please arrive promptly to pick up your child and wait in clear sight of the classroom door on the playground. If you would prefer for your child to walk home or be released without being collected, it will be necessary to fill in a form from the school office.

### Curriculum

*Please see the curriculum overview for Oak Class Autumn 1 – on Dojo soon.*

Additional information:

In history this half term the children will be learning more about ‘The Ancient Greeks’ and we will be taking part in a creative in-school workshop to support our topic in October. More details on that soon. After half term, our topic focus will be geography and we will be revising world biomes and learning more about climate and time zones.

Mrs Stubbs will be teaching Oak Class RE and MFL (French) on Tuesday afternoons. Also part of the teaching team for Oak Class this year will be Mrs Smith. Her curriculum areas will be science and computing.

Finally, music lessons will be taught by Mr. Archer for part of each Wednesday afternoon during this term.

## Home Learning

**Reading:** It is crucial for your child to continue to read at home regularly this year. Either a book from home or one from our class library can be chosen. There will be regular opportunities for the children to discuss their reading likes and dislikes and for Mrs Wroe or I to guide them in the right direction when choosing the next book to read. As an additional challenge, the children will be invited to submit reading evidence (completed at home) to contribute towards a portfolio in school. There will be opportunities to earn certificates and rewards for the work produced. I will explain this to them soon and provide more information for parents also.

**Times Tables:** The new whole school 'Martley Multiplication Mountain Challenge' will begin this year, intended to help the children experience success with the rising demands of the maths curriculum and, specifically for Year 6, to prepare them for the upcoming Key Stage 2 SATs in May. Again, more on that for children and parents in due course.

**Spelling:** Children will complete games on *Spelling Shed*\* at school during the week and, again, it would be extremely beneficial for them to practise regularly at home also. The lists children will have access to will change weekly and they are linked to our spelling lessons in school. Their spelling progress will be assessed in Hive games each Friday.

**Homework:** A homework task will also be set weekly each Friday, due in on the following Wednesday. The focus will alternate between maths and English and the aim will be to consolidate their learning in class for that week.

## Other Information

- P.E. days in Oak Class are **Mondays** and **Fridays (starting this Friday – 8<sup>th</sup> Sept)**. Please send your child to school in their full P.E. kit, including a plain black jumper/hoodie if it is cooler. They will not need to bring any other uniform with them. Our rugby sessions will be on **Mondays** and the children will require a second pair of shoes (rugby boots are allowed) in a bag to change into please.
- Named water bottles must be in school each day. Water only please.
- Please remember that lunches must be ordered in advance using ParentPay.
- Class Dojo will continue to be used as a behaviour system across the school; the rewards and sanctions are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story to find out what we have been up to in class! Feel free to message me with any necessary information or queries.

*Mrs Michelle Gunston*

(Oak Class Teacher)

*Mrs Lynn Wroe*

(Oak Class Teaching Assistant)

