



Spring Term 2024

Welcome back!

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year' to you all! I hope you had a fun-filled Christmas break (despite the persistent rain). Thank you for the many cards and gifts I received at the end of term. They were very much appreciated.

We have a short, yet busy, term ahead of us.

Curriculum Revision Sessions

Between now and May, when the children take their SATs assessments in reading, maths and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar), there will be regular opportunities for them to join us in school for morning revision sessions. These sessions will initially be 'by invitation' and a message will be sent to the parents of those who are encouraged to attend to begin with. Plenty of curriculum time in school will also be used to prepare for/ familiarise the children with the content and structure of the assessments.

Each revision session will begin at 8:20a.m. and will usually take place on various mornings throughout the week with myself, Mrs Cox and Mr Clement.

Curriculum News

Please see the curriculum overview for Oak Class Spring 1

Additional information:

After half term, our topic focus will be geography and we will be learning more about settlements and human impact. In Design & Technology after half term, the children will be designing, sewing and decorating a waistcoat.

Mrs Stubbs will continue to teach Oak Class RE and MFL (French) on Tuesday afternoons. Science and computing will be taught by Mrs Smith on Thursday afternoons.

Home Learning

Reading: It is important for your child to continue to read at home regularly. Either a book from home or one from our class library can be chosen.

Times Tables: Our Multiplication Mountain sessions are very popular in school and the children are all making fantastic progress. Please continue to support your child in preparing for their test each Wednesday.

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.

Homework: A homework task will continue to be set weekly each Friday, due in on the following Wednesday. The focus will alternate between maths and English.

Other Reminders

- P.E. days in Oak Class this term are **Mondays** and **Fridays**. 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 **indoor dodgeball** sessions will be on **Mondays** and our **outdoor netball** sessions will be on **Fridays**.
- 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 reward and behaviour system across the school; the rewards and sanctions are linked to our school values. Please look out for any announcements and letters on the Oak Class Story to find out what we have been up to. Should you need to message me, however, please email office@martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk
Miss Owen or Mrs. Lewis will be happy to forward the message to me.

Finally, I would like to share some fantastic news.

Following our tree planting sessions at Monkwood, Julie Grainger contacted me to thank the children. She added that, whilst she has worked with many school groups recently, Oak Class impressed her the most. I am not surprised because they were all so enthusiastic throughout the day.

As a result, she would like to work with us again in the summer on a new project. More details to follow.

Here's to another wonderful term in Oak Class!

Mrs Michelle Gunston

(Oak Class Teacher)

Mrs Lynn Wroe

(Oak Class Teaching Assistant)

