



Mrs Ryder will include all the general 'need to knows' in her first newsletter of the year so the purpose of this, is to let you know what is going on in specifically in Oak Class this term.

Oak Class is all about getting ready for the big transition ahead - developing skills and independence. There will be lots of work with high (but realistic) expectations but also plenty of fun to be had along the way!

Homework

The majority of the homework that we will set this term is based online. If your child does not have access to any devices, please let me know and I will make alternative arrangements. Homework is set on a Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

We will continue to use TTRS and I anticipate having a class full of Rock Legends by the end of the summer! Spelling Shed will also be used and children will be set a personalised programme of spellings once baseline assessments have been carried out during the first week of term.

There will other homework set throughout the year related to different subjects but this may not be every week. I will post on Teams when an additional piece of work has been given along with the deadline.

Our PE day for the autumn term will be Tuesday and for the first half of the term, we will be spending the whole afternoon at Headlands doing tag rugby however, we will bring the children back to school for collection at the end of the day.



Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and also be prepared for weather as we will be outside regardless of what Mother Nature has in store for us!



Reading is not simply the ability to read words from a page, It is the understanding and comprehension of what has been read whether explicitly stated or inferred. To understand a book, at times a child needs to become a detective searching for clues and interpreting these. Children need to learn how to read strategically building upon a range of skills; skimming, scanning, summarising, inference, prediction, explaining, asking questions – to name a few.

Reading not only opens up a world of enjoyment of reading for pleasure but is also a vital tool to access information across the curriculum and beyond. The more you read, the more you know, the more you want to know, and the wider and richer your vocabulary becomes.

Reading has a high profile in Oak Class and we support this through individual reading using our Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme, small group and 1:1 guided reading sessions where the support offered can be more personalised. We also do whole class guided reading sessions which exposes children to a wide range of texts, genres and inspiration. We encourage the children to take their AR books home but it is important that they bring it back to school every day for our reading sessions.

To support the development of reading and vocabulary at home, it would be great if you could listen to your child read regularly and discuss books they have read at home or experienced at school. If your child encounters new vocabulary, ask them what they think it might mean and if it doesn't disrupt the flow of reading, look it up together in a dictionary. All children in Oak Class will be given an ambitious vocabulary bookmark to use as they are reading to jot down words they either don't know the meaning of or words that they might like to use in their writing throughout the year.

Dates for your diary: Thurs 15th Sep - Meet the teacher session @ 3.10pm, Wed 21st Sep - Class trip to Plymouth, Thurs 22nd Sep - KS2 forest school session, Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Oct - Parents evening, Mon 17th Oct - Tag rugby festival, Mon 7th Nov - KS2 forest school session, Thurs 24th Nov - KS2 cross country event.