

## **Yew and Oak Class 2018 - 2019**

There are 29 children in Oak class and 28 in Yew class. Oak class will be taught by Miss Dobson and Yew class will be taught by Miss Hulse.

Our topic for terms one and two will be The Romans.

### **School Priorities**

As a school we set ourselves ambitious targets in order to continuously improve. Some of our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- To plan and create opportunities for regular cross-curricular and quality first teaching of writing across the school.
- To improve outcomes for vulnerable and higher achieving pupil groups.
- To use additional funding to ensure disadvantaged pupils make the progress of which they are capable.

### **PE**

PE days will be Monday and Wednesday (Yew) and Wednesday and Thursday (Oak) but the children should have PE kit in school every day in case the timetable changes. All children participate in these activities and so it is important that they always have their NAMED PE kit in school hanging on their peg. A drawstring bag is preferable for space in the cloakroom. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied back.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Thursday and handed in on a Tuesday. If homework is not handed in on time, children will complete their homework during our lunch time homework club.

Work should be completed in the book provided or alternatively could be emailed to either:

[misshulse@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:misshulse@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk) or [missdobson@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:missdobson@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk)

In addition to this, children will be given a list of ten spellings to learn every Friday. Spelling tests will also take place on a Friday.

We encourage children to read at home every night. This can be a book from our school library, or from other books that you may have available at home. Children or parents should make a note in the reading diary, which will be checked on a weekly basis. Rewards will be given to children who record their reading on a regular basis.

### **Equipment**

Children must have a water bottle in school, preferably with a sports cap. This should be placed in the tray at the back of the classroom each morning and taken home to wash every evening. To save confusion the bottles need to be clearly labelled, as do all clothes and bags. Children are not encouraged to bring pencil cases. However, we are happy for children to keep their own stationary in their drawers. In year 6 we encourage the children to record notes in a notebook which can be kept in their drawer and used for revision purposes later in the year.

## **Behaviour**

Our School Core Values are: **Honesty, Respect, Responsibility** and children will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to these values.

The rewards and sanctions are outlined below:

<b>Rewards:</b>	<b>Sanctions:</b>
Smile	Verbal warning
Verbal praise ('well done')	Moved to a different place within the classroom
Thumbs-up	Time Out
Applause	Class Teacher to contact parents/carers
Stickers	
Written comments on work	
Team points	
Star of the Day	

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information.

## **Key Diary Dates**

After School Clubs begin	17 <sup>th</sup> September
Doing it for Dan Run	27 <sup>th</sup> September
School photographer	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Pencelli Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET Day	24 <sup>th</sup> October
Parent Consultations`	6 <sup>th</sup> November and 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Trip to the Roman Baths	14 <sup>th</sup> November

## **Help from Parents**

Hearing readers, assisting with practical activities, preparing materials etc is much appreciated by teachers and children. It is not necessary to commit yourself to come in for a whole morning or afternoon or to come every week, and no experience is necessary. If you would like to help, please feel free to come and have a chat now or at any time during the year.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment to meet with us after school.

Many thanks

Miss Dobson and Miss Hulse