

Yew and Oak Class Notes

There are 28 children in Oak class and 30 in Yew class. Oak class will be taught by Miss Halfacree, with Mrs Smedley and Mrs Warren as teaching assistants. Yew class will be taught by Miss Hulse, and Mrs Warren will be the teaching assistant.

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. Our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- Improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment particularly the challenge for higher attaining pupils
- Accelerate Progress and Improve outcomes for pupils particularly in maths
- Develop effective and sustainable leadership and management through rigorous monitoring
- Achieve good personal development, behaviour and welfare particularly through support for our most vulnerable and challenging pupils
- Create an environment ready for outstanding learning through continued development of outdoor and IT provision

PE

PE days will be Monday and Wednesday (Oak) and Tuesday and Thursday (Yew) 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 Fridays and will be in two parts: project based homework or computer based tasks. Work can be brought into school or e-mailed to:

misshulse@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk or misshalfacree@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk

In addition to this, children will be given a list of spellings for the term. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. The spellings are divided into bronze, silver and gold. The children will be advised as to which they should be learning as a minimum, however, we encourage them to challenge themselves to learn as many as they can.

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. The children can record themselves when they have read and in addition to this you may want to make a comment yourself about your child's reading. When a child has completed twenty reads in their reading diary, they can bring it to Mrs Sammon or Mrs McLaughlin for a special stamp in their diary and will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

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 should not bring pencil cases.

Any bags need to be of an appropriate size as space in the cloakroom is limited.

Behaviour

Our School Core Values are being decided this week. Once confirmed, children will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to these values.

The rewards and sanctions are outlined below:

Rewards:

Smile
Verbal praise ('well done')
Thumbs-up
Applause
Stickers
Written comments on work
Team points
Champion of the Day

Sanctions:

Verbal warning
Time Out
Class Teacher/Mrs Sammon to
contact parents/carers

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information.

Key Diary Dates

National Fitness Day/ Doing It For Dan 27th September 2017

Individual School Photos 28th September 2017

Maths Workshop for Parents 11th October 2017 (5.30pm)

Harvest Assembly 13th October 2017

INSET Day 30th October 2017

Open Morning for Parents – maths focus tbc

Trip to The Roman Baths 9th November 2017

Parent Consultations 14th November 2017 (5.00-7.30pm) and 15th November 2017 (3.30-5.30pm)

Christmas Lunch 13th December 2017

End of Term (School finishes at 1.30) 15th December 2017

INSET 1st January 2018

PGL 5th – 9th February 2018

Last Day of Term 9th February 2018

World Book Day Thursday 1st March 2018

Parent Consultations 6th and 7th March 2018

End of Term (School finishes at 1.30pm) Thursday 29th March 2018

INSET Thursday 3rd May 2018

INSET Friday 4th May 2018

SATs Week 14th – 18th May 2018

Class Photographs Wednesday 23rd May 2018

End of Term Friday 25th May 2018

Open School Wednesday 11th July 2018

Sports Day Tuesday 17th July 2018

Leaver's Assembly Thursday 26th July 2018

End of Term (School finishes at 1.30pm) Thursday 26th July 2018

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.

Miss Halfacree and Miss Hulse