

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Oak Class!

A few handy points to remember this term:

- Mrs Carlyle teaches on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Mrs Scott teaches on Thursday.
- Mrs Payton is the Teaching Assistant all week.

The school day:

- Key Stage 2 children may enter the building to begin their learning from **8.30**; all children must be in school by **8.45**, when the school day begins. (Children should enter the building through the main door.)
- The side gate will be open from 8.30. After 8.45 the gate will be locked, so please enter through the main gate.
- School finishes at 3.15. (Please pick up from the side gate.)



What to bring to school:

- Reading books and reading records **must** be in school every day.
- The children will be provided with stationery and pencil cases. Please do not bring in equipment from home as it causes clutter in the classroom.
- A named water bottle every day please.

School uniform:

- Please ensure all uniform and coats are named.
- Please tie back long hair every day.
- No jewellery other than small, non-dangly earrings, if ears are pierced.
- A watch may be worn.

PE:

- PE is on Tuesday and Friday.
- Children must come to school in PE kit.

Forest School:

- **Every other Wednesday** starting on the second week of every term. See the newsletter for updates.
- Children should wear **long, loose clothing that covers arms and legs**. Covered shoes to be worn.
- Waterproofs as required – please check the weather.

Reading Expectations:

Reading is **vitaly important** to your child's education. Statistically, children who read more, progress further than their peers who read less. Sometimes encouragement and perseverance are required, as **reading regularly** can be **HARD**. It can also be incredibly **enjoyable!**

Children in Key Stage 2 should be reading **at least 5 times a week at home**. This may only be a few pages of their book at a time.

- The children are responsible for recording the pages they have read at home in this book every day.
- Please sign their reading record at the end of the week to be checked on the following Monday.

3 dojos	Read 5 times at home AND parent signature
2 dojos	Read 4 or 5 times at home
1 dojo	Read 3 times at home

Homework Expectations:

Set on Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday, unless advised otherwise.

- **Spelling:** new spellings will be set on Ed Shed on a Friday, to practise and learn for the quiz the following Thursday.
- **Maths:** MathsShed will be set weekly starting from the second week.
- **Topic:** an optional practical challenge linked to our topic, starting from the second week back.

Replacement resources:

At Cranham, we hope to encourage responsibility and respect for resources.

In the unlikely event that school resources (rulers, erasers etc) are purposefully damaged or graffitied on by your child, a fee of 50p will be charged for its replacement. This includes replacing persistently lost or forgotten reading diaries.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd September at the beginning of a positive and supportive year.

If you have any questions, please get in touch either via email or try to catch me at the school gate.

Kind regards,

Mrs Carlyle