

Oak Newsletter - Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Summer Holiday and that you are feeling refreshed and relaxed as we start a new term and a new school year. We had a really super first week and I am delighted by how well the children have settled into the class routines and have been engaged in their learning.

I have attached a mind-map showing our topic for the first half term, which is all based around the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. As part of this topic we will be looking at newspaper reports, TV news items and diary writing.

In science we will be studying the topic of Animals including Humans, this will include food and diet, the circulatory system, the heart, muscles and the skeleton and the effect on our bodies of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

How you can help at home.

Spellings taken from the New National Curriculum will be given out on a **Wednesday** and they will be tested on the **Wednesday** of the following week.

Our whole school reading challenge will continue this year. You can help by noting in your child's diary when they read to an adult at home and also by asking questions about the book they are reading, listening to their opinions and making sure that they are enjoying reading.

We will have a weekly times tables test on a **Thursday**, learning up to the 12 x table. You can help your child by working on their times tables and asking them quick fire questions to improve their understanding.

When appropriate, your child will have English, Maths, Science or Topic **homework** which will be given out on a **Friday** and be due back in on the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to work to deadlines, but if there are problems in completing an activity on time, encourage your child to speak to me.

Just a quick reminder, your child also needs to bring:

- **Named PE kit** for sessions on a Tuesday and Friday.
- **An old shirt**, clearly labelled, to use in our art sessions so that their uniform is protected from glue, paint etc.
- **Water bottle**. These should be brought in each morning and taken home again at the end of the day for washing.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me if any problems arise. I look forward to seeing you on Parents Evening.

Here's to a busy & exciting year.

Lisa Berber

