

"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year in Oak Class! I am very pleased to be back at school and working with your children this year. I hope you have all had a restful break and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school and starting a new year of learning. We will spend the first few days re-establishing routines and expectations and doing some activities to help everyone settle back into school.

Our topic for the next two terms is "Ancient Egypt" and we will investigate what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians and look into all the amazing facts and discoveries from that time – including the tomb of Tutankhamun. I hope we will also be able to use some of the online resources from the British Museum's Ancient Egypt collection. Our class reader this term is "Secrets of a Sun King" by Emma Carroll, a story about "an ancient discovery, a cursed package and untold story of a young pharaoh...." I am sure it will help the children to see Ancient Egypt from a different perspective and to explore and question historical sources. Over the two terms, we will be concentrating on human geography - land use and natural resources in particular, linking this to land use in Ancient Egypt and comparing it to now.

In RE we are asking the question "Creation and Science: conflicting or complimentary?" We will be investigating what the Bible teaches about Creation and looking at how and why the Genesis text was written. The children will be encouraged to question and look at evidence from both the Bible and Science and learn about Christians who are also scientists. This fits in well with our topic in Science, which is "Earth and Space", looking at and understanding the Solar System, the Sun and the Moon – and linking to Cosmology in RE.

Practical Information:

PE Days - Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. This term, children should come to school in their **PE kit on a Monday**. They should wear PE shorts and their house PE shirt. Should the weather be cooler, they can wear plain joggers and a plain sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons.

Forest School – We have Forest School on **Thursday afternoon**. All the class will be going outside during these sessions, Mr Chidwick, Mrs Heath and I will be with them and we will start our session with OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) before our Forest School activities and outdoor activities (such as looking after our lovely grounds, our outdoor area and the Spiritual Garden). Please ensure the children have appropriate clothing for Forest School.

Reading - Reading books are sent home every day and they need to be brought to school, with your child's Reading Record, signed, each day. Please do listen to your child read as much as you can, this really helps them to develop their reading skills.

SATS Companion and Times Table Rock Stars – the children all have log-ins for these programmes (Year 5 will soon have these for SATS Companion) and I would encourage them to use them! They are excellent for reinforcing what we have been learning at school and giving the children chance to practise a wide variety of concepts. SATS Companion covers Maths and English, the children can choose which areas they feel they would like to practise further and I will also set work for them to complete. TTRS is a fantastic programme for developing fluency in times tables, covering multiplication and division facts – and gives the children chance to compete against each other!

Mrs Heath will continue to work with us as our teaching assistant. We are all looking forward to a great year working with you and your children. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Mrs R Tutton