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"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! Mrs Heath and I are very excited to be back at school and working with your children this year! We hope they are happy to be back in school after such a long time. We will be spending lots of time at the beginning of term re-establishing routines and expectations as well as talking through our different experiences from the last few months.

Our topic for the next two terms is 'What a Wonderful World' and we will be using and reading maps to help us to learn more about the human and physical geographical features in our local area. We will be contrasting this with other parts of the world – particularly Africa as we study the Ancient Kingdom of Benin. Initially, we will be reading 'Diary of an Ebo Princess' to link with our learning on Benin; we will then move on to 'The Boy who Harnessed the Wind' by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer which is based in Malawi and will help us to learn and understand more about Africa.

In RE, we will be concentrating on 'Creation' and asking the question – 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' This not only links with our Science work this term, when we will be looking at evolution and inheritance, but also the Kingdom of Benin, as we look at their stories of creation. We are looking forward to having some good debates on this topic!

Practical Information:

PE - Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday** but we would be grateful if your child could leave their PE kit in school at all times.

Forest School – We have Forest School on **Thursday afternoon**. All of the class will be going outside during these sessions, Mrs Heath and I will be with them and we will do some Forest School activities together and some outdoor activities during this time – including looking after our Spiritual Garden.

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. In order to ensure our books stay COVID safe, we will have two days a week for handing in books – Monday and Thursday. The books will be placed in a box and remain there for 3 days before they can be used again.

We are looking forward to a good year and working with you and your children. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Mrs Tutton and Mrs Heath

