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## Oaks Summer Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to yet another summer term newsletter! We are coming up to the transition to the next year group; Y2 SATs and Y1 phonics screening tests.

If there are any questions about the layout/staffing for next year please let me know. I'll answer any questions as best I can.

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### Our topics

This term we will be focusing on the topics 'Explorers' and 'Seaside'. Our class texts will focus on both fiction and non-fiction stories about adventurers and explorers. We will be revisiting our geographical learning surrounding countries and capitals of the UK and the names of the seven continents.

### Literacy, phonics and SPaG

We have begun the term writing a narrative all about 'The Dark'. Across the term we will be writing non-chronological reports about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus; exploring alliteration and onomatopoeia and Y2 will be looking at how these techniques can be used to enhance our writing. We will also be looking at letter writing and postcard writing later in the term.

SPaG this term will consist of using apostrophes for possession, writing in the correct tense, and changes to root words to make them plural. We are continuing to focus on spelling common exception words in class, and choosing the correct spelling choices for known spellings. Y2 are continuing to develop their cursive handwriting through weekly handwriting lessons. All Y2 know how to join letters, so please feel free to encourage joined handwriting at home, for example, when children are practising their spellings. Y1 have begun to explore pre-cursive handwriting in preparation for Y2.

Y2- please continue to access Spelling Shed as the spelling lists that come home fall in line with the National Curriculum expectations.

### Reading

Oak class have made fantastic progress in their reading this year. Y2 children have been focusing on building their reading comprehension skills every morning during phonics time. All Y2 children are in the process of being Benchmarked, which means they will be bringing home a reading book from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. When listening to your child read at home, please encourage and model reading with expression, pausing after

commas and full stops, and ask your child questions about what they have just read. All children are constantly working on their speed and fluency in reading.

Y1 children have made an excellent start to the phonics yellow books, focusing more on fluency as opposed to 'Fred Talking' every word. Y1 children are on a 5 day time table with their reading, which means we read the phonics book 5 times in the week, exploring new words and punctuation as well as developing comprehension skills.

Reception children have been enjoying bringing home worded reading books, and they are all making good progress with these. Receptions are again focusing on their speed and fluency when reading, and they are learning how to read new words every day. Receptions are exploring more common exception words in their reading, and we are starting to write some common exception words in our book work.

Please continue to read at home at least 4 times a week to consolidate the skills we have been working on in school. All children have daily reading practise time in their phonics session, which allows for every child to be heard reading on a daily basis.

### Numeracy

We have started the term with division, looking at grouping and sharing and we have introduced the division symbol. Year 2 have been exploring the relationship between times and divides to spot patterns when answering questions. After division we will be learning all about fractions; money; time and length, mass and capacity. Our numeracy consists of a mixture of practical work and book work to really try and embed new skills.

Reception/Y1- please keep accessing Numbots. This programme is designed to keep your child's numeracy skills up to date and consolidates previous learning. All children are expected to have reached the end of Numbots by the end of Y2. It is not too early for reception children to be accessing Numbots.

Y2- Please keep accessing TTRS. All children have to sit a Multiplication Check in Y4, so learning the expected times tables now will really help in the future. The end of year expectation for Y2 children is to know the 2's,5's,10'sx as well as 2's,5's,10'sx mixed. If you need further support with times tables practise then please let me know. TTRS is a resource that is available to you, but by all means use your own methods at home to help your child learn them!

### Summer term testing

#### Phonics screening check:

The screening will be taking place the first week back after the Spring half term. In order to support your child through this, please read at home at last 4 times a week. If you would like further support materials, please let me know.

#### Y2 SATs:

Year 2 children will sit a reading, SPaG and numeracy test toward the end of the term. The scores from these tests will help me determine your child's end of KS1 result. These tests are nothing to worry about and the aim is to make them feel exactly the same as the 'jobs' the children would normally do at the end of a term. In order to support your child at home, please listen to your child read, focusing on reading comprehension, and utilise numbots and TTRS for 15 minutes a week.

### Transition

If you have any questions regarding your child's transition into the next year group, or you feel your child may need some more specific support, please let me know. We always view transition as a positive time, and we look at the next year as a positive change and challenge as opposed to something that is going to be difficult.

**Dates:**

I will continue to send parent hub messages out regarding our outdoor learning days, as sometimes following a week on/week off pattern does not always work. Our next Muddy Morning will be:

29.04.25

We are going on a trip to Tywcross Zoo in June:

27.06.25

We have a fun filled term ahead of us in Oak class. If you have any questions or if there is anything you are unsure of please feel free to contact me:

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Kind regards,

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