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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays! I hope you had a lovely break and look forward to seeing you soon. We are heading into our final term of this academic year. Whilst the summer term can be rather busy, we have many exciting things to look forward to in the following weeks.

As usual, if anything arises over the next term, please do feel free to let me know so we can resolve the issue as soon as possible.

In Oak class this term your children will be supported by myself and the marvellous Mrs Makin. We are also joined by the fabulous Miss Franks on a Wednesday afternoon.

PE days

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on those days. As it gets warmer, PE will be outside so please ensure they have water bottles at the ready.

Daily Mile

Trainers for the Daily Mile should stay in school all week. They will also be worn during break and lunch times. If they need to go home for any reason, please make sure they come back in the following day.

Water bottles

Please bring in a labelled water bottle. These stay in school every day and are rinsed and re-filled. Water bottles will remain in our Oak Class hydration station and students can access them throughout the day. They will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and should be brought back on a Monday. We also have spare cups in the classroom if your child has forgotten their water bottle.

Bartholomew Bear

During the summer term, Bartholomew bear will continue to make his visits to the children of Oak class. He will continue to go home with one lucky student for the weekend. He will go home on the Friday afternoon and is expected to return on the Monday morning. He comes with his own diary to document all the adventures he gets up too. Within this, please feel free to add pictures of your time with Bartholomew. If you don't have time to print photos, please do not panic as we love to see drawings of your weekend adventures!

Reading

In Oak Class, we recognise the importance of regular reading as it helps to develop both creativity and vocabularies. To continue encouraging and supporting our students to read at home we have a reading challenge. Each child has a 'reading loyalty card' attached to their reading diary that has dots on. Every time they read to an adult, as well as logging it in their reading diary, the adult can sign one of the dots. Once the dots are filled in, the card is handed in and a new one is attached to the diary. Each child can then pick a reward out of our 'Oak class reading prize box.' The children also bring home a library book which can be changed each Monday afternoon. This can be read alongside their reading scheme and class book.

Times tables

Times tables are a vital skill for all areas of the maths curriculum so we will be doing lots of work on these in school to ensure fluency and instant recall. It would be really helpful if you could support your child at home with these too. All children have a TT Rock Stars login (They are still in the back of your reading diaries so that you've got them to hand) and there are lots of other games and activities online to reinforce their multiplication and division facts. One of the websites that the children usually enjoy is www.timestables.co.uk.

Homework

Children should be reading and practising times tables (for example on TTRS) at least four times a week each. As well as reading and times tables, children have one piece of spelling homework each week. This comes home on a Tuesday and spelling tests are on the following Monday.

In the summer term, there will be one additional piece of work to complete at home. This may vary from Maths reasoning questions to comprehension questions. This is to help year 6 students in the preparation for the upcoming SATS and transition to secondary school. In order to best support their learning, they can complete the sheets to bring in and discuss during our booster groups/ early morning work. I appreciate this time of year is busy, but the additional work will greatly support our Oak class learners both in the classroom and at home.

Booster groups

Booster sessions are run throughout the week and available for all year 6 students to join. These sessions are extremely beneficial as they provide targeted support and expose students to a range of different exam style questions. We practice exam techniques and unpick the best way to answer the different question styles.

Topic

Our topic for the summer term is Ancient Greece. Within this, we will be exploring the Culture of classical Greece: Gods, theatre, Ancient Olympics, Architecture, artefacts and more... We will be hosting an immersive ancient Greece topic day on the 21st May. Please feel free to let them get dressed up in their finest 'bedsheet togas' and enjoy the day!

Please see the topic overview for details of what we'll be learning about in all the different subjects! Lastly, thank you for your support and patience settling back in after the break. It usually takes a few days for routines to be in place and for the day to transition smoothly. If you have any questions at any point, please feel free to talk to me at any time.

Kind regards,

The Oak team.

