



Little Munden C of E (VC) Primary School

Building Good Foundations, Matthew 7, verse 24

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays! I hope you had a lovely, relaxing festive season. We have a very exciting, yet busy, term ahead that I am greatly looking forward to.

I have greatly enjoyed getting to know you over the past term and I look forward to working together for the next academic year. If there is anything that 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 colder, please make sure they have appropriate layers and spare dry socks as they will be doing PE outside.

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.

Bartholomew Bear

Some of you have already had the pleasure of being visited by Bartholomew Bear. This term 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 of 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.

Topic

Our topic for the Autumn term is Crime and punishment. Within this, we will be exploring the different punishments for a variation of crimes across the ages. This will be spanning from the Romans up the 20th century.

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 in the settling in period post-Christmas. 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

Miss Wilcock and Mrs Makin

