



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 summer holidays! I hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed your time off. Oak class has been re-organised and cleaned ahead of the new academic year. I am greatly looking forward to working with both you and your children over this coming year!

Just as a quick introduction, my name is Miss Wilcock and I have the pleasure of being the new Oak class teacher. Alongside myself, making up the Oak class team, is 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 and break and lunch times should stay in school all week. 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. They will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and should be brought back on a Monday.

Bartholomew Bear

Bartholomew is the newest member of Oak class. Once a week a student gets to take Bartholomew home for the weekend. He will go home with the lucky student on a Friday 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 worry as drawings are fine.

Reading

In Oak Class, we recognise the importance of regular reading as it helps to develop both creativity and vocabularies. To encourage and support 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 prize box.' Each time three loyalty cards are completed, children receive a certificate and sticker. At the end of each half term, one completed cards is chosen, and that child will receive a book of their choice. 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 (we'll pop them in their 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.

Christian Value

Our Christian value this half term is respect. We'll be thinking about self-respect, respect for others and respecting the environment. This is all under the umbrella of what the Bible says about respect.

Topic

Our topic for the Autumn term is the Shang dynasty. Within this, we will be exploring what it was like living in the Shang dynasty. We will go on to explore in depth: their differing customs, gods and kings, Shang artefacts including oracle bones and all about the legendary queen, Fu Hoa.

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. 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 the gate as I would much rather be aware of any issues or questions in order to best deal with them swiftly.

Kind regards,

The Oak team.

Miss Wilcock and Mrs Makin.

