OAK GREEN SCHOOL
Believe, Achieve, Succeed

Parent / Carer Information
Autumn Term 2025-26

Year 2 - Newsletter

Welcome to the start of the new school year. We already have lots of exciting activities and lessons planned for the children. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Learning planned for this term

English – We will be following Ready, Steady, Write and using the books **A river** and **The Night Gardener.** We will be building writing skills to write narratives, Letters, poems and character/setting descriptions.

Phonics – We have phonics every day following Read Write Inc. We teach children all the sounds that they need to read and write by teaching a sound a day. Children are grouped by ability across KS1 for phonics.

Maths – We follow White Rose Maths. This term we will be teaching **place value, addition & subtraction and shape**. We will be learning lots of different ways to solve problems and learn new skills. Please practice counting and writing your numbers to 100. If your child is ready, you could challenge them to add and subtract numbers within 100.

Science – In our **Everyday Materials** topic, we will be learning about the properties of different materials and discussing why certain things are made out of certain materials. We will be completing an experiment to see which materials will be best at protecting Humpty Dumpty if he fell off the wall.

History - We follow Cornerstones and this term our project is called **Movers and shakers.** This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

Geography – We follow Cornerstones and this term our project is called **Let's explore the world**. This project teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom.

DT- We follow Cornerstones and this term our design and technology project is called **Remarkable recipes**. This project teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation.

RE – This term we are excited to be starting Jigsaw RE. Our focus this term will be **Christianity.**

PSHE – We follow Jigsaw and this term our topics are **Being me in the world** and **Celebrating difference.**

Computing_– We follow teach computing to teach our computing skills. Our topics are **IT around us** and **Digital Photography.**

PE – We follow Real PE. Our topics this term are **fundamental movement skills** and **exploring footwork, patterns, balance and stance.**

Music – We follow Charanga to teach music skills. Our unit is called **hands, feet and heart.**

Timetable

We do Maths, English and Phonics every day in the mornings. In the afternoons we start with storybooks and then cover a range of different subjects including; Cornerstones (History/Geography/Art/D&T), PE, Handwriting, RE, Computing, Music, PSHE and Science.

OTHER INFORMATION in year 2

Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives at school.

The door will be open between 08:40 and 08:50. When your child is late they are missing out on valuable learning time.

Please also make sure that your child is collected on time each day.

Houses

Each child is in a house. They will collect house points each week for all sorts of amazing things. House points are counted on a Friday and the winning house is announced in assembly.

Willow / Ash / Chestnut / Birch / Maple / Elm

Uniform

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our children at Oak Green School and are keen that all children are proud to wear their school uniform.

Green Oak Green School-logo sweatshirt or cardigan
White shirt / blouse / polo-shirt
Grey pinafore dress / tunic
Grey skirt / culottes / trousers
Plain, grey or white socks and tights
(Dark) Green OGS fleece (outside wear)
Black school shoes only. NO trainers. NO boots indoors.
NO hooped earrings, 1 pair of plain studs allowed and must be covered for PE

Catch me cards

Each day the children work together to earn catch me cards for making good choices and following the golden values. These are counted at the end of the day and if they have got 35 they exchange them for a golden coin.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child brings in a bottle of water to school for the classroom each day. No squash/juice please.

Food

Please can you ensure you place any food orders by 4pm the night before (4pm Friday for a Monday dinner), otherwise your child will be offered a jacket potato. Children are not able to have part of a school dinner and need to bring either packed lunch or order a school meal. A reminder the packed lunch must be nut free.

Handwriting

We use Letter join which is a whole school handwriting scheme. We will be practising our handwriting through three taught handwriting sessions a week. Children need to learn cursive (joined up) handwriting.

On google classroom you will be able to see how we are teaching the children to form their letters in our handwriting lessons.

Drop off in the morning

When dropping off your child in the morning please pass any messages onto the staff on the door they will then pass these onto the class teacher. Please do try to stay behind the yellow line and encourage your child to walk into school from there.

Collection in the afternoon

When collecting your child in the afternoon please do not go past the yellow line. Your child's class will stand on the school side of the line and the class teacher will dismiss the children from here. Collection time is 3:10 for year 2 pupils.

PE

Year 2 PE will be every **TUESDAY & FRIDAY.**
Children **MUST** come to school on these days in their PE kit. Our school PE kit consists of:

- Oak Green (logo) or plain, white or black t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms
- Black Oak Green logo 'hoodie' (NO other hoodies or logo-ed clothing).
- Green Oak Green fleece or sweatshirt or cardigan can also be worn as outside wear in colder weather.
- Stud earrings must be removed or covered.
- Children MUST have appropriate trainers / plimsolls.

Reading

Our reading books have been carefully chosen to engage children in reading as well as matching their reading ability. If books are lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £5 per book to cover the cost of replacing it. We hope that you love the books as much as we do.
Your child will get one reading book:

- RWI Book Bag Book – changed when your child's class teacher feels they are ready to. They could have a book for more than a week, this is to ensure that children have a good understanding of the sounds in each book.

Your child reads daily at school so please make sure they have their reading book every day. They will benefit more if heard regularly at home. New books and reading records will then be sent home on a Friday.
Please read with your child as often as possible and record it in their reading record. There are some top tips for reading at home at the back of Google Classrooms.

Our Values

Honesty:	Respect:	Friendship:	Kindness:	Trust:	Fairness:
We tell the truth and expect others to do the same.	We show respect to everyone around us.	We will be good friends to everyone in our community.	We will be kind to everyone around us.	We will be trusted to make good choices.	We treat everyone equally and expect all children to be treated fairly.

Our Year 2 team is:

2A – Miss Ingram (Teacher)- Monday, Thursday, Friday
Mrs Darji-Patel (Teacher) Tuesday and Wednesday
2B – Mrs Sanchez (Teacher)
2C – Miss Neville (Teacher)

Cover/PPA - Mrs Kerin (Teacher)

TAs – Miss Sweetman, Mrs Schrieber, Mrs Kaur, Mr Owen, Miss Fox.

PE team – Miss Timberlake, Miss Heggie

KS1 assistant headteacher – Miss Ingram

Home Collaboration (GOOGLE CLASSROOM)

Login details are at the front of reading records

Below are some activities you can do at home

- Reading daily and record in home school book
- Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars
- RWI Phonics practice
- Additional reading on Oxford Owl
- Real PE at home and BURSTS
- Experience tasks
- Home collaboration activities

In addition, we have added the following documents to work on at home over the year to the year 1 class page on the school website and google classroom.

- Handwriting – letter formation guide
- KS1 Common Exception Words – spelling
- Times tables
- RWI phonics Overview
- Reading Top Tips
- Top Reading Questions

Dates – Autumn 1

Wednesday 17th September – School photos

Friday 10th October- World Mental Health – Mufti day
18th October- Show Racism the Red Card
Wednesday 22nd October – Science Oxford Trip

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October – HALF TERM

Dates – Autumn 2

Local Area walk – Date to be confirmed
Tuesday 11th November – Parents evening
Thursday 13th November – Parents evening

Thursday 11th December - Pantomime in school
Christmas parties- TBC

Monday 22rd December to Friday 2nd January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

We hope that your child enjoys this new chapter of their learning journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns. In the first instance please talk to your child's class teacher, after that please ask to speak to Miss Ingram KS1 Assistant Headteacher. We will be more than happy to answer any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Miss Ingram & Mrs Darji-Patel (2A) Mrs Sanchez (2B) Miss Neville (2C)

Home learning websites and apps

Login details are stuck in your child's superstar reading record book. Please use these on a regular basis to support your child's progress.

Links can also be found on year 2's class page on Oak Green School's website

Write Rose 1-minute Maths
This is a free maths APP that you do not need a log in for. There are activities on numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication (times tables) and division. This is a great fun.

Timetables Rock Stars:
This has been set up to match your child's timetable level and is great fun. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.

Numbots:
This has been set up to match your child's maths ability. This is a game based on supporting your child develop their addition and subtraction knowledge. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.

Oxford Owl:
This is a great website to support your child with their reading. There are options for children to be read to or to read themselves. It is packed with lots of books matched to your child's RWI phonics reading ability as well as books beyond their level for them to enjoy too.

PE:
This is where you will find a variety of physical activities that you can complete at home.

Phonics games at www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Oxford Owl RWI e:books at www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Maths games to be explored at www.topmarks.co.uk

Science activities at KS1 BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82

Yoga and mindfulness activities at www.cosmickids.com