



Dear Parents,

First of all, I want to say a huge, warm hello to you all. How strange it is to not be able to meet with you all in person. Please know, however, that I am available through the Oak Class email – oakclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk and also in playground at drop off/pick up. Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions.

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks getting to know the children, the school and the classroom. I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled and their enthusiasm for learning. I am really looking forward to the year ahead. I have prioritised getting to know the children in these first few weeks; making sure they feel happy and safe and that we have a mutual understanding of the rules and routines of the school. Alongside that, we have been working hard to evaluate the next steps for learning as a class/as individuals.

Below I have listed some information that you will hopefully find useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me on this email if you have any questions.

Class set up – I am the teacher in Oak class. We are also lucky to have Miss Hilton working with us throughout the week. Our shared emphasis is to create a nurturing yet exciting space for learning. All learning takes place within the classroom, with the exception of Maths and spellings, which are taught in year groups.

Topic- This half term we have a series of subject topics that we are working on.

History– 'Invaders and settlers' – a study into how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings have shaped British history (Please see Knowledge Organiser).

Science and DT – Electricity and light (please see 'Knowledge Organiser').

English – Our class novel is "Danny the champion of the world" by Roald Dahl. Some of our written work will be based around this but we are also using the stimulus, "Invaders and settlers" as a focus too.

Art- we will be looking at Anglo Saxon art.

R.E – an introduction to Hinduism.

Computing- E safety and coding.

P.H.S.E will be ongoing.

P.E.- Our designated P.E day is **Tuesday** for this half term and children are coming in wearing their P.E kit. Alongside this session

we are getting out and active in other sessions throughout the week which is why we need children to have sensible footwear.

This half term Oak are swimming for 4 weeks on a Friday, followed by outdoor learning for 3 weeks on a Wednesday.

Homework – Homework will be set through Google classroom. At the present time the only homework being set is the 12 spellings to learn and practice (at least 4 times a week). These are set on a Monday and tested the following Monday. There is also the expectation that all children will read at least 4 times a week. We will check reading records once a week in school. Please will you also help your child to practise their times tables. By the start of year 5 they should be confident in all tables up to 12 X 12.

Reading books – We have organised a fantastic range of books in our in-class library. Children will be independently choosing their reading books from here or in our fantastic school library, according to their reading level. We are working through hearing children read this week, so reading books will be finalised by end of this week.

We no longer have to quarantine books that have been brought in from school. Therefore, your child will bring home their reading book and reading record every day. Children will have the same reading book at home and in school, so it is really important that they remember to bring it in their rucksack or book bag every day. It is expected that every child reads at home at least four times a week and records each reading session in their reading record. We will record any in-school individual reading the children do. The children take part in guided reading throughout the week, but this is not recorded in the home-school book.

Home learning – if your child has to self-isolate but is still well enough to access school work we will assign them their work on the google classroom.

General – please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Again, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me. I look forward to sharing the classroom work with you all soon,

Miss Franki Baseley