

# Reception Newsletter

## September 2020

Welcome to all the Oak Class families. We are busy preparing the classroom and outdoor learning environment and can't wait for you to join us. We look forward to working with you this year to give your child the best possible start in their school life.

### Foundation Stage Curriculum

Term 1 is all about settling the children into their new environments and new routines. There is a lot for them to learn, please be understanding if they seem very tired when they come home.



### Meet the Oak Class Team

#### Class Teachers

Mrs Dickson (Mon-Wed pm)

Mrs Burden (Wed pm- Fri)

#### HLTA

Mrs McClean (Mon -Fri)

### Maths

In Maths we will be mastering numbers to 3 and then to 5. We are aware that many of our Oak Class children will be able to count further than this however, we aim to ensure children are provided with activities that deepen their understanding of the concept of each number. We focus also on subitising where children are able to visually recognise an amount set out in different ways. The mastery of numbers to 5 will include a secure understanding of 1 more and 1 less, the different ways of making the number and adding and subtracting within that number.

### Phonics

Learning the sounds that letters make is the first step to learning to read and write.

Each week we will learn letter sounds, known as phonemes. We will look at the sounds that words begin with and find words that begin with the same sounds. To help with this you might want to play some word games at home such as 'I-spy', 'matching pairs' and 'odd one out.' A good website/app to use is 'Mr Thorne does phonics.'

We will be following the Read Write Inc programme and will be giving you further information on this at our Curriculum Evening.

### Keeping everyone safe



We cannot wait to welcome Team BG to have another fantastic year together. To ensure that we are all back safely and raring to go please remember:

1. To check your **child's temperature** before they come to school EVERY morning
2. To make sure your child has **washed or sanitised their hands before coming to school.** Regular handwashing times will be adhered to in school as well.
3. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please email or **contact the school office.** Your child's class teacher will then get back to you as soon as possible where necessary.

**PE:** There will be no formal PE lesson this term, so PE kits will not need to be worn into school this term. We will be doing lots of physical activity daily but this can be done in their uniform.

### **Reading:**

We will be supporting your child to read their book in school each day. This same book will then be sent home on a **Friday** for your child to celebrate their reading with you.

Books **must** be returned the following **Friday**. In the morning a box will be placed outside the gate. Please return your book to this box. This will be the only opportunity to change your child's reading book that week.

At the beginning of the term your child will be given a reading record. To support us with bringing as little into school as possible, this is to stay at home where you will record each time your child has read. We ask that you **upload an image** of your child's weekly reading log to **Tapestry** every **Monday**.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep- Term 1 begins
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September- Virtual Curriculum Evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October- DT Week Virtual Celebration
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct- Term 1 ends



We look forward to welcoming you all and beginning your Bowsland journey!

The EYFS Team

### **Parents as Partners**

We very much appreciate all the support you give us in and out of school. We have always had an open door policy and would welcome you in to talk to us if you have any questions or queries. However, due to current circumstances and restrictions, we can no longer offer face to face conversations and drop offs and picks ups must be prompt. Therefore, if you would like to talk to us, we are available by email and telephone. Please email the school office and they will arrange this for you. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

We will continue to use Tapestry to keep you updated on your child's learning and welcome you to share experiences from home. Thank you for those families that have already begun to share their home learning and we look forward to seeing many more.

### **Clothes**

Please help your child to be as independent as possible by teaching them to put their coat on and to do it up. We would like all coats to be clearly labelled with your child's name to save confusion and brought in everyday as the weather can be very varied and unpredictable. Water bottles, lunch boxes and jumpers should also be clearly labelled with their name.

Please bring a named carrier bag containing a spare set of uniform (with your child's name on every item) which can be kept on their peg at school. This will ensure that if your child has a "little accident" at school or wet and muddy then we will be able to change them into clean clothing. If your child does go home in their change of clothing, please remember to send a replacement the next day to go on their peg.