

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### **Oak Class Spring Term 2019**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break! The children have returned to school with recharged batteries and ready for a busy and exciting Spring term.

Our topic this term is 'Survival and Exploration'. We will be learning about the heroic age of Antarctic exploration (End of 19<sup>th</sup> Century) by Shackleton and his Endurance crew. We will also be learning about Antarctica: it's location; the human and physical geography; Antarctic Treaty; glaciers and iceberg/ landmass. We have already begun our topic with a response to Shackleton's advert from 1914 as a member of the Endurance crew – we are now all officially explorers!

**Please see the attached Topic Web for further information.**

For Year 6 children, they are getting closer to the end of Key Stage 2 assessments, which will be held during the week of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This term is a very important term for them and much of the work will be building up to these tests. I will be starting a Year 6 Study Club during the lunchtimes on Tuesdays, first session being Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, so I will be encouraging the Year 6's to attend.

Homework, will again be given on a regular basis in the form of the Topic grid, which will be sent home on Monday, next week. I would like to thank you for your support with the homework last term - the children really enjoyed using the topic grid and they produced a range of fantastic pieces of work. As before, there will be times when I send home a piece of Maths or English homework, if I feel a child needs to practise a particular area to consolidate their learning at school.

- Spellings are as last term and will be sent home on the Thursday and spelling test will be the following Tuesday.
- Reading Journals are to be regularly updated by your child and a reading journal activity is to be completed at least once a week. Reading Journals are to be handed in every Thursday where they will be checked by Mrs Boston and they will be moved up the Reading Mountain. The class responded to this really well last term.
- Opportunities to practise times tables at home would also be hugely beneficial for your child.

The PE days will remain the same, with PE kits needed for Tuesdays and Fridays. However, it is important that PE kits are in school throughout the week so that we can take advantage of better weather or if we have to change a PE day.

## **Mountbatten**

A letter will be sent out very shortly regarding this year's Mountbatten trip. But just a heads up that the date for our Mountbatten trip (non-residential) will Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

So, a very busy term ahead! As before, we will contact you if we have specific concerns about your child, however, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards

Cherylynn Millar