



Autumn Newsletter

Magpie Class – Mrs Quarrell, Mrs West and Miss Scrivener

Welcome to **Magpie Class!** I hope you all enjoyed the summer break, and are ready to take on the challenges and adventures in Oak area. This term our wider curriculum focus is Geography, History, DT, Art, computing and Science. Our discovery topics this term are '**Continents, Oceans, UK countries, capital cities and seas**' and '**Events within living memory**'. In these topics we will be naming and locating the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world, as well as exploring the United Kingdom. We will also explore 4 stages within our life '**Baby – Toddler – Pre-school – School Age**' and the types of toys we would use at each stage. We will also be exploring drawing techniques, creating moving picture books and windmills, along with an introduction into programming in computing.

Home/School communication/home learning

Year 1 children should read 3 times per week. We are in the process of sorting children's reading logs and books and these will be sent home in due course. Please do continue to read with your child at home in the meantime.

Reap the rewards of Reading!

Reading logs will be checked on **Thursday mornings**. Please record each time your child reads as we will be counting these up so they can move along our 'Reading Race Track' and help us to identify our **reading champions**.

Magpie Class Homework

In addition to reading, all children will be given spellings and maths homework each week, as well as the option to complete an activity from the takeaway homework grid.

PE Schedule & Equipment

Our P.E sessions are on **Monday** and **Friday** afternoons. We will be returning to changing for PE in school so please do not send your child into school in their PE kit.

Please ensure your child has the correct **named** PE Kit;

- Black shorts
- Westfield PE top
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Jogging bottoms,

In the event of your child being unable to participate please send in a note.

Dojo

Please ensure you have signed up to class Dojo in order to receive updates and other information about Oak area. You will also be able to keep track of how many points your child has, which they will be able to exchange for prizes in the school shop.

Helping your child at home

Please refer to the Year 1 Expectations Guide which details the standards expected for children at the end of Year 1 in Reading, Writing and Maths. All the objectives will be worked on throughout the year and will be the focus of direct teaching. Any extra support you can provide in helping your children with these is greatly valued.

Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes. As the weather is changeable this term, please ensure your child has a coat every day. Please **name all items** so that these can be easily returned if lost!

Water Bottles/ Lunch Boxes/ Snack

Please ensure all bottles, lunch boxes and pots are **named** so that they can be returned at the end of the day.

If your child is bringing in a healthy snack from home, please have it ready to be placed by their peg when they enter the classroom.

Spare Clothes

Getting back into the routine of school and the location of the toilets can cause some children to have accidents. Please ensure your child has a spare school uniform in a **named bag** that can be left in school on their peg.

