



ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Oak Class

Dear Oak Class Families,

Welcome to another exciting academic year at Andoversford Primary School! The children have settled beautifully into their new classroom and made me feel very welcome. We hope you will find the information in this pack useful to support your child's learning at home.

Autumn Term Topic:

Our topic this term is 'Into the toy box' with a focus on robots and puppets. Included in this pack is our Autumn term topic overview so that you can see the skills we will be covering across the curriculum this term.

Homework Expectations:

Reading: Reading is a vital skill that your child will need to confidently access every area of the curriculum. Please read with your child four times per week and keep brief notes in their reading diary.

We will endeavour to change reading books on Mondays and Thursdays.

Spellings: Every week your child will have a set of spellings to practise at home. These will be tested using a dictation on Fridays. Year 1 and Year 2 children will have separate patterns and words.

Number Sense: Throughout the year we will send home Maths activities to develop key number fact recall such as number bonds to 10 or 20 and multiplication facts.

Topic Tasks: Every term we will offer a menu of topic tasks to choose from. Your child may choose a couple of the tasks to complete at home to enhance their knowledge of our topic. It would be wonderful to celebrate this work in class so please bring finished pieces in for show and tell on Thursdays.

Weekly Events:

PE will usually take place on a Thursday afternoon, however this may change so your child needs a named kit including pumps/ trainers and a warm jumper in school at all times.

Mrs Clarke will take Oak Class for outdoor learning on Mondays this term. The children are expected to dress appropriately to learn outside - whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has warm clothing, a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and a pair of wellington boots in school. All kit needs to be named and kept in a suitable bag on your child's peg. There is a red box for separate welly storage in our corridor.

Show and tell will take place on Thursdays. This is a great opportunity to bring in topic task homework to celebrate with the rest of the class. Although our theme is toys this term, any objects brought in to show should be to share educational knowledge with the class.

Handwriting:

This year we have taken a new approach to cursive handwriting. All lower case letters start with a feeder-leader line. This is to ensure that all letters start from the same point. Children in Year 1 will be expected to form all lower case letters with feeder-leader lines. Year 2 children should begin to join their letters using feeder-leader lines. Please see the handwriting guidelines included in this pack for more detail.



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Year 1 Expectations:

Children in Year 1 will have a phonics screening check at the end of the year. Our phonics teaching carefully prepares the children for this check which includes a mixture of real and nonsense words. Please see the Phonics Screening guide for more information.

Year 2 Expectations:

The end of Year 2 SATs will take place in May next year. In the Spring term we will hold a SATs meeting for parents to provide further information. Please see the Key Stage 1 test information sheet for more details.

Included in this pack:

- ➔ **Into the toy box topic overview**
- ➔ **Topic homework tasks**
- ➔ **Handwriting guidelines**
- ➔ **Phonics Screening Check guide**
- ➔ **Key Stage 1 test information**

We look forward to a successful year!

Mrs Masek, Mrs Beaton and Mrs Denscombe