

Believe Achieve Succeed  
Year Five information letter – Autumn 2020

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of what we're sure will be another very successful school year for everyone. It has been lovely to see you return after a very difficult time. Below is some important information we'd like you to be aware of.

### **Golden Values**

Everyone in our school is expected to follow our Golden Rules to ensure that the children can learn in safe, stimulating and supportive environment. The Golden Rules are that we show respect by:

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best

Children who follow the Golden values throughout the week receive special Golden Time as a treat on Friday.

### **Topics**

As well as daily maths and English lessons, the children in Year Five will be learning about the following topics throughout this term:

Science:       Materials and their properties (first half term)  
                  Forces (second half term)

To support our learning in class we recommend using the following website link  
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zryyedm>.

Topic:         Reign Over Me! Looking at the history of the British Monarchy.

To support our learning in class we recommend looking at the following website link  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/kings-and-queens/>.

RE:            Beliefs about God.

PSHE:         What makes a community (first half term)  
                  What does discrimination mean? (second half term)

ICT:           Cracking the Code! (first half term)  
                  Game Developers (second half term)

PE:            Dance

Games:       Hockey

Music:         Tudor music

In English this term we are reading 'Street Child' and 'Clockwork'. We are continuing with our TalkForWriting scheme of work, encouraging the children to read and write as storytellers. We are also actively updating our book corners and will be encouraging daily reading, please help us support your child's engagement with this at home.

### **PE / Games**

The children will have PE every Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on this day. This includes:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black shorts / tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls

Hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. If your child is unable to take part in PE for medical reasons please make sure you send a note in to this effect.

Each child has been provided with a planner to help them take responsibility for organising themselves. There is space for you communicate with your child's teacher and we will endeavour to address any concerns as soon as possible. Please ensure that you check the planner regularly and sign it on a weekly basis. This ensures a strong home-school link that will benefit your child's learning. This needs to be returned to school on a daily basis. Should your child's planner become defaced, destroyed or lost, we will have to ask for a £2.50 contribution to replace it.

### Home Learning

The home learning jigsaw is a range of activities designed to engage your child's interest. Children are expected to complete 2 activities from the home-learning jigsaw each week and to put written work and drawings into their home learning book.

### Reading

Children read **daily** at Oak Green School. Good reading skills are vital in allowing children to make progress and we ask that you read with your child at home as often as you can. Children should be reading **every day at home**. Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. Please support your child by encouraging them in this vital skill for life.

### Drinks

In lessons, children may drink water. We suggest that your child brings in a bottle of water in addition to their lunchtime drink. Bottles should be labelled with the child's name.

### Important Dates

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of school
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Children return to school

Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us at the end of the day or write a note in your child's KS2 planner. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable and educational year at Oak Green School.

During this first half term we would usually hold a 'Meet the Teacher' session to provide an opportunity for you all to meet your child's class teacher and discuss the school year. However, due to the pandemic, we are unable to hold this in person. Below, each member of staff within the year 5 team have introduced themselves so that you can still get to know the team.

**Miss Joseph** (5A class teacher): Hi all, it is lovely to have all of the children back in school, thank you to each and every one of you for supporting the return to school during such a challenging time! I have been at Oak Green for three years now and have been based in year 5 and spent one year in year 4 during my training. I am very passionate about reading and am so pleased that so many of the year 5 children share this passion! I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead with the amazing children in this year group!

**Miss Bateman** (5A class teacher) Hello everyone, it's been great to welcome all of the children back this week and amazing to see how much they have all grown over the break! I have been an LSA at Oak Green for six years and am now at the beginning of my teacher training journey! My favourite lessons are PE and maths, so I am particularly looking forward to these lessons! This year I will be in 5A with Miss Joseph and am excited to begin a year of learning alongside the children.

**Mrs Hearne and Mrs Davis** (5B class teachers) Hi all, it is lovely to have you back in school and ready to learn. We have both been at Oak Green for 8 years now and have worked in a cohesive unit in year 5 for a year and really enjoy working together with this year group.

**Mrs Hearne:** My favourite subjects are reading and maths, in my spare time I enjoy walking my dog and being with my family.

**Mrs Davis:** I am very passionate about reading and Science, I look forward to some very exciting experiments this year! I love to be outdoors and going on mini adventures with my family. We are looking forward to learning and working with you all.

**Mrs Wilkins (5B LSA)** I have been at Oak Green for 17 years and love working here as we have the loveliest children ever! I am a first aider and forest school leader and enjoy spending time surrounding by wildlife and nature.

**Miss Hague (5C class teacher)** Hello! Although, this is my first year at Oak Green I have been teaching for approximately five years and I'm absolutely delighted to continue my teaching journey here with you all. Previously, I have taught years 4, 5 and 6 and I'm so excited to get started with this year's Year 5! I have a passion for the performing arts so anything involving drama, music and dance is always a must and I also have a love for anything Literacy, in particular storytelling. I am very much looking forward to our year ahead together and I know we'll have a great time!

**Miss Moakes (5C LSA)** I have worked here for 8 years and love working with our amazing children. I have worked in a variety of year groups and am also a member of the behaviour support team.

Yours Sincerely,

**Miss Joseph, Miss Bateman, Mrs Davis, Mrs Hearne and Miss Hague**