

# P.P.S. Oak Class

September 2019  
Autumn Term

## Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Oak Class and Petworth CofE Primary school. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. It has been a pleasure to get to know your children these past few days.

During the first three weeks of this term our learning will focus on supporting your child in their transition into Oak Class. We want them to feel safe and secure in their new environment, with their new teachers and friends. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

### **General Oak Class information**

*P.E.*—Oak Class have a P.E. session with Mrs Gill every Thursday. This gives your child practise in getting changed, learning to move and balance in different ways and using equipment safely. Please ensure every piece of your child's P.E. kit is named, including plimsoles, and that their kit is in school every day.

*Spare clothes and outdoor clothes*—In Early Years we follow the interests of the children to ensure they are engaged and constantly learning. This often means getting wet and messy outside! When there is a puddle in the outside area, it will be jumped in! Your child will be very grateful to have a spare set of uniform, or even just spare pants and socks, in a bag on their peg. Please name all clothes and shoes to ensure nothing is lost.

*Learning at home*—Your child's learning will flourish through a partnership of learning both at school and home. We'd love to share in any

learning your child does at home by them bringing it into class to show us all.

We would like to celebrate any 'Wow!' moments your child has at home, like when they have mastered a skill, had a go at something they find tricky, or have been especially kind. We will send home some 'Wow!' notes and ideas in the coming weeks.

*Reading*—After the first couple of weeks, your child will be given a reading book and a diary to record when they read at home. Please read with your child for a few minutes each day; it really helps to build their reading confidence. The most important thing is to keep it positive and fun!

Please tell us about every time your child reads with you by writing it in their reading diary. Your child will also have a special reading bookmark in school for us to record every read. Each read gets a house point and at 50 reads your child will be awarded their small prize!

*Library*—We will regularly visit the school library so your child can choose a book to bring home. Please read this book to your child and enjoy the shared experience. Developing a love of books will make a real difference to your child's learning and enjoying library books with family members is a great way to do this.

*Here is a taste of what we will be doing this half term:*

*Personal, social and emotional development*

- Forming positive relationships with the adults and other children in Oak Class.

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- Talking about feelings.
- Starting to understand and follow the rules needed to keep Oak Class a happy and well cared for classroom.
- Building confidence to speak in front of others.

## *Literacy*

- Having fun with rhyming words.
- Breaking 3 letter words into their separate sounds (segmenting) and putting sounds together to read simple words (blending).
- Learning letters and their sounds (phonemes), later this half-term.

## *Communication and language*

- Learning how to listen to sounds around us and to each other.
- Listening and responding to a variety of stories.
- Speaking clearly to express our own ideas and to ask questions.
- Developing clear speech through telling our own stories and role play.

## *Mathematical development*

- Using CBeebies Numberblocks to develop confidence recognising numbers 1-10, both in and out of order.
- Counting items of different shapes, colours and sizes.
- Introducing some simple addition using numbers 1-10.
- Exploring different shapes.

## *Physical development*

- Using the toilet independently and remembering to wash our hands well.
- Learning safe ways to move around the

classroom, school and outside areas.

- Enjoying indoor and outdoor opportunities to develop our skills for pencil and scissor control.

## *Understanding the world*

- Sharing books to understand how we are all different and special.
- Listening to each other's "All about me" booklet.
- Talking about similarities and differences in ourselves and our families.
- Talking about harvest time and how we celebrate Harvest Festival.

## *Expressive arts and design*

- Singing together, listening to music and making up musical rhythms and songs.
- Playing imaginatively and cooperatively in the role-play area.
- Exploring and making our own designs with different materials.
- Exploring colours in our environment and looking at how they change in Autumn.

Thank you for your support. We feel very lucky to be part of this exciting stage of your child's development.

**Mrs Brownbill, Mrs Gill, Mrs Ford and Mrs Abbott**