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LETTER 4

Dear Parents / Carers

HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We have a busy half term ahead and I'm looking forward to the many exciting events and challenges we have planned. A few things are new at St Oswald's for this half term, and I would like to share these with you below.

OUR FANTASTIC PHASE 1 READING AREA:



We have made a special place outside the year 1 classrooms for a library especially dedicated to nursery children, reception and year 1. The area has been freshly decorated, and a new carpet fitted. We have purchased new book cases and comfortable bean bags. We will be holding 'Stay and Read' sessions in here for our younger children.

OUR YEAR 1 CLASSROOMS:



We have chosen a cheerful blue for both of our year 1 classrooms. During the holidays, Mr Khan has been very busy fitting new cupboards and work stations around the classrooms. Our new chairs have arrived, and our new tables will be arriving shortly. Our children are very proud of their new classrooms and enjoy working in them – so do the teachers!

REFLECTION AREAS



As a Church of England Primary School, we have re-launched our reflection areas in our classrooms. The children enjoy looking at these areas and spending some quiet, reflection time there. These reflection areas change throughout the year.

SOME CHANGES TO ASSEMBLY TIMES

We now hold our assemblies first thing in the morning, straight after registration. If your child has received a 'Star of the Week' award or a 'Special Mention' you will be invited to attend our celebration assembly on Friday mornings.

CHANGE TO 'STAY AND READ' DAY

Again, due to our altered assembly time, we have now moved 'Stay and Read' to 9am Thursday morning. We hope you can all attend. Parents reading with children in school is vitally important in embedding lifelong reading behaviours for our children. Please check your phones for a text invite when it is your child's turn.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wilson

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

In maths we are learning about the colours of the rainbow and developing the language of size. You can help at home by recognising colours around the house. In Literacy we are learning about Elmer – the multi-colours elephant and talking being different. You can help at home by visiting the library and looking at books about different colours. In topic we are learning about colours all around us. You can help by asking your child about the different colours of fruits and vegetables when you are at the supermarket.

What we are learning in Reception

In maths we are learning about repeating patterns and 2D shapes. You can help at home by asking your child to make patterns using 2 different coloured objects. In topic we are learning about everyday Superheroes. We are focusing on everyday heroes, e.g. police, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, teachers, dinner staff etc. You can help at home by asking your child to draw their favourite superhero, talk about it and write words to describe it. In science we are learning about the similarities and differences between different leaves and discussing/recording our findings. You can help at home by going for autumn walk and talking about the changes that are happening.

What we are learning in Year 1

In maths we are beginning to learn about addition and subtraction using numbers up to 10. You can help at home by demonstrating how to answer simple number sentences (e.g $2 + 3 = 5$). Ask your child questions about the world around you with a focus on number (How many trees are on this side of the street? How many on the other side? How many altogether?) In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction books. We are predicting about our new book and beginning to look at features of non-fiction texts and using our phonic knowledge to be able to read simple facts from the text. You can help at home by finding non-fiction books that your child is interested in. Feel free to send these in to school to look at together. In topic we are still being "Little Explorers". We will be using the computer to insert a photograph into a word document and using a simple table to record results of an experiment. You can help at home by encouraging your child to use a keyboard to type simple sentences.

What we are learning in Year 2

In maths we are learning about addition and mental strategies for adding to 20. You can help at home by practicing number bonds to 10 and 20. Also practice adding 1 or 2 digit numbers to 1-digit numbers e.g. $16 + 4 =$ and discussing which numbers change and which ones stay the same. In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction books. We are predicting about our new book and beginning to look at features of non-fiction texts. You can help at home by finding non-fiction books that your child is interested in. Feel free to send these in to school to look at together. In topic we are learning about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. You can help at home by researching Samuel Pepys' Diary and the Great Fire of London.

What we are learning in Year 3

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction and beginning to exchange mental strategies for adding tens numbers. You can help at home by practicing the formal written method for $HTU +$ or $- U$ for example $356 + 8 =$ and practicing adding a tens number to a given number e.g. $346 + 40 =$ and discussing which numbers change and which ones stay the same. In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction books. We are predicting about our new book and beginning to look at features of non-fiction texts. You can help at home by finding non-fiction books that your child is interested in. Feel free to send these into school to look at together. In topic we are learning about Egyptian Gods. We are applying our art skills to recreate images of the Gods. You can help at home by researching Egyptian gods further.

What we are learning in Year 4

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. You can help at home by making sure that your child understands the place value of each digit in a given number and lines up the numbers in the correct place value place when laying out the calculation. In Literacy we are learning about expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. You can help at home by getting the children to give example to you from books they are reading. In topic we are learning about the different foods that are available in Bradford. You can help at home by talking about the different foods that are available in Bradford and why they are found in Bradford. In science we are learning how music is made and travels. You can help at home by encouraging your child to listen to music.

What we are learning in Year 5

In maths we have started our new unit on multiplication and division. We have been learning how to multiply and divide a number by 10, 100 and 1000. We have also been learning about multiplying by a 2-digit number. You can help your child at home by recalling times tables to 12×12 . In Literacy we are learning about finishing our first draft and completing our final non-chronological report about the Romans and Vikings. You can help at home by accessing the Year 5 grammar bug activities allocated for your child. In topic we have started our new topic on Earth and Space. We kick-started this with our visit to the National Science and Media museum. We saw the actual capsule Tim Peake and his crew used to come back to earth! You can help at home by accessing the space books which have been allocated for your child on bug club.

What we are learning in Year 6

In maths we are learning about fractions. We have been multiplying and dividing fractions. The children have found this tricky but have worked hard. You can help at home by encouraging your child to continue learning their times tables as this helps us with our work on multiples. In Literacy we are learning about Narrative writing. We have been writing our own story based on the novel Hugo. You can help at home by listening to their ideas about their story and getting your child to practice writing different types of sentences about some of the things you have been doing at home. In topic we are learning about Paris. We have also linked this to inventions and are learning about famous inventors in the past. You can help at home by helping your child to research the city of Paris for their homework project.

Star Learners of the Week

R Oak - Emily Wysocka

R Ash – Ajwa Khan

1 Pine - Yashfa Bashir for always trying her best in English and Maths.

1 Birch - Nabeel Khan for writing 7 sentences independently, describing a character from a film.

2 Maple – Yahya Satti for improving his writing.

2 Redwood – Areej Tariq for having perfect behaviour 100% of the time.

3 Beech - Kaynaath-e-zara Mahmood for excellent writing, particularly her prediction skills.

3 Sycamore - Mwalihasha Fumbele for always putting 100% effort in to everything and making huge improvements in her handwriting.

4 Olive - Aryaan Ahmed for a super paragraph in English.

4 Poplar - Waris Dhaliwal for improving his presentation.

5 Rosewood - Dawud Yousef for a fantastic non-chronological report.

5 Willow - Faizan Baig for a fantastic work attitude!

6 Cherry – Ameliya Kharamid for brilliant story writing.

6 Rowan – Jaroslav Badi for brilliant story writing.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please be reminded to park safely and responsibly when collecting and dropping of your children. Unfortunately, we have received complaints from local residents who are concerned about having driveways blocked and cars being parked on pavements, restricting pedestrian access. We are informed that the matter has now been passed on to the local authority and community police.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 6th NOVEMBER 2017

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.

Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY 6 th NOVEMBER 2017	Lamb and Mint Grill Halal Chicken Biryani Quorn Frankfurter	Marble Sponge Cocoa Buns
TUESDAY 7 th NOVEMBER 2017	Cornish Pie Halal Keema Roll Cheese and Onion Quiche	Mixed Fruit Crumble Frozen Smoothie
WEDNESDAY 8 th NOVEMBER 2017	Chilli Con Carne Halal Keema and Peas Quorn Meatballs	Rice Pudding, Peaches and Jam Chocolate and Vanilla Mousse
THURSDAY 9 th NOVEMBER 2017	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Eve's Pudding Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY 10 th NOVEMBER 2017	Fish Fingers (Gluten Free) Quorn Sausages	Chocolate Apple Sponge Oat Cookie