Welcome to Oak Class



Information for parents
September 2022



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It has been a pleasure to welcome your children into Oak class this September.

The Oak class teacher is Miss Clack and Mrs Hobbs on Tuesdays.

Becky Townsend is our teaching assistant

General information



Drop off time: 8.45am

Collection time: 3.20pm

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, please call the office on 01225 742663 or alternatively send an email to admin@box.wilts.sch.uk. The information will be shared quickly.

Clothing, snack and water bottles



Please can we request that all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We are not able to store lost property so it would be useful to reunite any strayed items with their owner as quickly as possible!

Please can your child bring a water bottle to school every day as they are not able to use the water fountains at the moment.

A healthy snack will be provided for child by school but if you wish for your child to bring a snack from home that's fine too.

Mixed age classes and the curriculum



The children in Oak Class are made up of the youngest Y2 children and the oldest year 1 children.

They receive a broad and balanced curriculum based upon year group objectives from the National Curriculum.

We have a rolling curriculum programme which means that no topic is repeated in any two year cycle. Some key skills may be repeated to ensure that children are secure on the basics.

The children who were in Oak Class last academic year as year 1s have not been 'kept down' – they are now a year 2 in Oak Class with a different curriculum and expectations.

Write a non-chronological report about Penguins and Polar Bears.

I know the importance

humans, penguins, polar

bears and ostriches of

amounts of different

exercise and hygiene.

for animals such as

eating the right

types of food,

I can find out about and describe how penguins survive in the Antarctic, ostriches in the Sahara and polar bears in the Arctic.

I explore different drawing tools to make different marks for my drawings of animals. I know that animals such
as penguins, ostriches and
polar bears have offspring
that grow into adults.

I can name the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

Discover the hot and cold places of the world.

I can compare the
Antarctica with the Sahara
Desert and explain how
penguins are able to live
there and ostriches cannot.

I can describe how well a bird feeder works.

I can create a design for my own bird feeder.

Design and create a 3D structure.

I can select tools and equipment and use them to make my own bird feeder.

I can listen to 'The Aviary' in the Carnival of the Animals and move my body to the music. I can reflect on and talk about how well my bird feeder fits my design.

I choose a bird to move like and perform my dance actions with control and co-ordination.

Create our own animal dance.

I show patterns and textures in my drawings by adding dots and lines, to show feathers or fur.

I show different tones using pencils, charcoal and chalk, to bring my animals to life.

Create pencil drawings

of animals

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Carnival of the Animals

I link two or more actions together to make a sequence of moves for my bird and join with my class to perform a dance together.







P.E. is on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please can your child bring in their PE kit and leave it on their peg.

New spellings will be given out each Friday and the spelling test will be at the end of the week on the Friday.

Home learning will usually be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on the following Monday. This may occasionally change if, for example, a project homework is set.

Our Classroom











Our cloakroom





Please can we ask that book bags are used as this makes it much easier for changing books and keeping all their things together. If you have a ruck sack please keep it as empty as possible so it's flat on their peg.

Reading

Books will be changed when children are fluent. Fluent is when a child can read a book without hesitation or decoding. The adult will always check before changing and then alongside the child choose a book. They can also choose a quality picture book to read for pleasure with you at home. This is not one we would expect them to read by themselves. A blue reading record will be provided for parents to log all reading that takes place at home.

A really important way in which you can help is to listen to your child read aloud regularly. Discussing what's happening in the story, making predictions, character motives, plot, historical contexts, settings etc. really helps develop comprehension skills.

Some children are reluctant readers; please do get in touch if you would like some tips on how to overcome this.

Celebration Assembly



We have our celebration assembly each Friday and hope that very soon we will be able to welcome our families back into the hall to celebrate with us. If your child has a certificate, trophy, medal or any other award, please can this be brought into school by THURSDAY.

School Rules



Follow instructions Look after each other Look after our environment Share Be polite Walk around the school Have fun

Class rules



We try to....

Have fun Be kind Share Stop and think Keep our things tidy Listen carefully Be the best we can

Getting in touch



Please do get in touch with the class teacher if there is anything that you are unsure about or if there is anything you or your child are worried about. Please do not let a worry turn into a problem. We are available to give you a ring most days after school; the exception to this is a Wednesday which is our staff meeting day.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Clack

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