

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas break. This term the children will be finding out about famous explorers such as about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. Alongside this they will be exploring incredible places around the world, learning about continents and oceans and comparing different climates. In science, the children will be continuing to learn about animals, including humans and will be learning about plants.

Morning Routine

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. In each class the children will come in and complete their early morning task.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days and there is another small change. This will now be on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday** due to some year group clashes. Most of our PE sessions take place outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are worn or put in bags in case they are needed. Please ensure jackets, jumpers and cardigans are named as this makes it so much easier to return lost items.

Reading

Reading is very important. Please can you ensure your children **bring their books to school every day**. We plan to listen to your children read as often as we can, but this can become tricky when books are not in school. In addition to this, please also listen to your child read as often as possible, this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, information books etc. Remember, reading to your child is also just as important.

We are continuing to log reading and books from the library on Boom Reader. Please ensure you are logging the children's reading as often as possible. This can be done after the children have read to you so you don't need a phone or iPad in front of you whilst enjoying these moments. Children need to be independent with getting new books so please remind them if they need to be changed. This can be done as often as they like but we do encourage reading of the same books to increase fluency and understanding.

Homework/Spellings

The homework will continue to be sent home at the beginning of every term across the whole school. Spellings will be given out at the beginning of term and posted on dojo and the website.

Communication

We are available before or after school on most days should you wish to speak to us. Alternatively, the best way to contact us is through class dojo or email admin@redoaks.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the relevant person. You may also message Miss McGahey (Phase Leader) at Y1.2@redoaks.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss McGahey, Miss Manning and Miss Hawkins 😊