

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas break.

From this term, the children will have a new daily routine as we work towards a more structured timetable. This is important as it encourages more independence and structure as they prepare to move up to Year 2. This term's History title is 'Queens of the Ages' The children will be finding out about Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II and the events that happened during their reigns. In science, the children will be investigating 'animals including humans'.

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 (now a Monday and Thursday) but we ask you to please ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise during the week. PE kits will come home at the end of each term. Please can you make sure they are returned on the first day back to school. Most PE sessions are taking place outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels.

Reading

Reading is very important so we ask that you please hear 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 Go Read. Please ensure you are using the log in sent out at the beginning of Year 1 (not the old Reception log in). Please ask if you need this again. Children will be taken to the library on a certain day of the week in order to change their books.

Homework/Spellings

The homework will continue to be sent home at the beginning of every term. Only **one** task needs to be completed from the three choices, unless you choose to do more. There are lots of activities on the sheet but if you can think of any more that you would like to do please show us in your books! Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday.

Communication

We are available before or after school on most days should you wish to speak to us. Alternatively, the best way is to contact us through class dojo or email admin@redoaks.org.uk and the message will be passed on to the relevant person.

Dates for the diary

Library trip - Friday 20th January

NSPCC Number day - Thursday 3rd February

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

Parents' evening - Thursday 24th March

Thank you for your continuing support,
Mrs Hunter, Mr Lee & Miss Barber ☺