

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome the children back for the new year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. This term's enquiry title is 'What can we find in the past?' We will focus on dinosaurs for the first half term and move on to Kings and Queens as we get closer to Easter.

Morning Routine

The children will continue to enter school through the main door, walking down to their classrooms independently. A member of staff will be at the main entrance to greet the children and send them down to their classroom. As adults are adhering to social distancing, we ask that where possible you message us on Dojo, phone or email the school so that no congestion is caused at the main entrance during drop off and pick up times.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on some Fridays. Please can you make sure they are returned by Monday. Our PE sessions will mostly be 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, (including jumpers and cardigans).

Welly walks

We will be continuing with our weekly welly walks on a Tuesday morning. As a year group we are looking into purchasing a set of wet weather clothes for the children but as you can imagine these are a big investment. Until we are able to buy these please can we ask that children continue to bring in a change of clothes and a warm waterproof coat.

Reading

We will continue to read with your child weekly, each child's reading record book has the day they will change their book on the front. Should you wish to change books more frequently please let us know. Reading is very important so 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, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their home school contact books so we can see all their hard work.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of term with the due date on the top of the sheet. Spellings will be given out at the start of each term. The children will have 2 common exception words and 3 words per week that follow a spelling rule. We will send home a sheet with ideas to help you practice these with your child at home. These will be tested in a fun and informal way within class the following week.

Communication

During this time, we ask that you contact us by phone, email or ClassDojo where possible. We are here to help your children become the best independent and confident learners that they can be so please do not hesitate to ask any questions, no matter how small!

If you would like to contact via email please send to: yr123@redoaks.org.uk

Many thanks,
Mrs Hogan, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Talmage