

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas break. This term's enquiry title is 'What makes our world great?' We will be spending the term researching famous explorers. The children will be finding out about famous people such as Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh. Alongside this they will be exploring incredible places around the world and comparing different climates. In science, the children will be investigating 'materials' and 'living things and their habitats'.

Morning Routine

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40am (Willow) and 8.55am (Birch) so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. In each class the children will come in and complete their handwriting.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days 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

Due to some restrictions, all children will change their books on a Monday. During this time the children have access to a range of books and can choose the books they wish to take home. Reading is very important, 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. Please record this in their home/school contact books so we can see all their hard work. Remember, reading to your child is also just as important.

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 Tuesday to be tested the following Tuesday.

SATs

Due to the pandemic, the Government have stated: '*The KS1 tests have been suspended for 2021. Teachers can choose to administer past papers to help inform their teacher assessment judgements, but there is no requirement to do so.*' We will keep you updated on this closer to the Summer term.

Communication

We are available before or after school on most days should you wish to speak to us, although we know it is difficult to have a conversation because of the restrictions in place at the moment. Alternatively, the best way is to contact us through class dojo. You can leave a message in the home/school contact books or email Mrs Maxfield's management email: yr123@redoaks.org.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Maxfield, Mrs Prophet and Miss McGahey ☺