

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.

As we progress through the term things will change slightly and the children will be expected to complete more adult initiated activities, therefore there will be less opportunities for free play. Please be assured that we will follow your child's needs.

Morning Routine

The children will be coming into school and straight into learning activities so please can you ensure they arrive for 8.30 promptly.

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 not be continuing with regular welly walks but we will let you know when children need to bring in a change of clothes.

Reading

We will continue to read with your child weekly, each child's reading folder 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 on the Go read app 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

Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns in the usual way.

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

Many thanks,

Mrs Talmage, Miss Hearn and Mrs Warwick