

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 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 (Tuesday and Wednesday) 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 of our PE session take 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, 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 Boom Reader (formerly Go Read). 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 to put them in the basket/box first thing in the morning when 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. 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.

SATs

KS1 SATs will be taking place during the weeks commencing **15th May and 22nd May 2023**. We would appreciate no holidays being booked during this time. The children will still have a normal school day and will be unaware that they are undertaking pieces of work that will then be assessed. Please make sure that children arrive as promptly as possible and have had a good breakfast on these days. We will be holding a Year 2 SATs meeting for parents in February where we will go through our expectations and answer any questions you may have. More information will follow.

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. You may also message Miss McGahey (Phase Leader) at Y1.2@redoaks.org.uk

Class dojo is used often to share information and send messages. If you are having trouble accessing this please let your class teacher know!

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss McGahey, Mrs Hogan and Mrs Morgan ☺