

## Oak Class Newsletter – Term 1 2017.

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome to Oak Class!



This term our first enquiry question is 'What does it mean to be part of Oak Class?' Over the first few weeks we will be reinforcing the rules and daily routines in Reception. Children will have opportunities to explore the indoor and outdoor environment through a balance of child initiated and adult-led activities.

We strongly recommend you visit your child's class daily to settle and carrying out a morning task with them. This is a great opportunity for the children to celebrate and show you their working environment. Morning jobs may include name writing, number formation, daily reading etc.

Literacy activities this term will focus on the Secret Birthday Message by Eric Carle. Children will retell the story through role-play and actions developing their communication and language skills.

We will also begin teaching Letters and Sounds, recapping Phase 2 sounds through games and songs. Children will use this knowledge to begin to segment and blend over the weeks.

Maths this term will focus on counting, 1:1 correspondence and repeated patterns. Children will compare objects according to size and measure heights of peers using unifix cubes.



### Important info:

Please read to your child every day. You can play games like playing 'I Spy', finding sounds in books and going on sound hunts to capture children's interests. There will be a Letters and Sounds talk within the first term so please come along to help support your child at home.

If book bags can come in Monday so we can start sending out shared picture books and sounds. Please can children bring these in every day. If you do not have a book bag please purchase from the School Office

If you have any concerns or worries please speak to myself Laura Phillips (class teacher) or Gina Irwin (Early Years Practitioner). After school meetings are the best time to discuss any worries, as the morning is quite a busy time.

### Dates for your diary.



- September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> – open mornings in the Reception class for parents/carers.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> parent evenings.

*Also look out for the school newsletter and check the website to keep up-to-date with the latest information.*

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