

Weekly Newsletter  
24th January 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 30:  
Your Right to Use Your Own Name



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Another week has flown by as we race through the academic year! It has been an incredibly busy week in school and the children and staff have been hard at work. As always, I am so proud of all of the children's achievements and as I walk around school visiting classes, I continue to be blown away by their excellence! Despite constant disruptions caused by COVID-19, we continue to deliver an excellent education.

**So how can you support our work in school?**

**Attendance & Punctuality** Please ensure that your child arrives at the correct staggered start and attends school regularly. Every day really counts and our attendance officer will be in school next week, week commencing 31.01.22.

**Reading with your child** For children of all ages - all research shows that hearing your child read, reading to them or discussing their reading with them is one of the most important things you can do to ensure good progress in school. Do this as often as possible and discuss tricky words with them, discuss what has happened in the story or talk about the information they have read if it is a non-fiction book. For beginner readers, practising those speed words is also an essential element of developing fluency. The 'Star Reader' is awarded to somebody who has gone above and beyond with their reading habits, for example, they may have completed some extra research on their topic or perhaps they have been to the library to borrow some books written by their class's key author.

**Spellings** Practise for the weekly spelling quiz.

**Maths and learning times tables from Year 2 to 6** Learning times tables is an area in which you can really help your child make progress in Maths. The curriculum states that **by the end of Year 2** children should know their x2, x5 and x10 tables, eg,  $2 \times 7 = 14$ ;  $10 \div 2 = 5$ . **By the end of Year 3** children should also know x3, x4 and x8 tables, eg,  $4 \times 8 = 32$ ;  $64 \div 8 = 8$ . **By the end of Year 4** your child needs to know all their tables to x12 mixed up, with a quick response, eg  $8 \times 9 = 7 \times 8 = 9 \times 7 =$  . The equivalent division bond is also important:  $72 \div 8 = 56 \div 7 = 63 \div 9 =$  . If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, they need to be fluent and confident in their times tables knowledge to x12 including division facts. Some children in year 1 will be ready to start learning their x2, x5 or x10 tables, the class teacher will let you know when.

Information to help you access online resources at home such as **MyOn, Times Tables Rock Stars, Active Learn and Discovery Education Espresso** was also sent home.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs E Bramley & Miss C Champion

## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Week Commencing 24th January to Fri 4th February –Y5 Swimming Block 2

Thurs 27th Jan      **4pm Virtual Parent Consultation re: Academy Conversion**  
Fri 28th Jan      **BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

Week Commencing 31st January 'National Storytelling Week'

Tues 1st Feb      Chinese New Year

Week Commencing 7th February 'Children's Mental Health Week'

Tues 8th Feb      Safer Internet Day  
Wed 9th Feb      YR & Y6 Pupils Height & Weight Checks  
Fri 18th Feb      Last day of the half term.

### HALF TERM

Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

Mon 28th Feb      **PD Day 5 for Staff Training** (school closed for pupils)

Week commencing 28th Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight Celebrations

**Tues 1st March      Children return to school**

Pancake Tuesday

Thurs 3rd March      World Book Day

Mon 14th March      Launch of British Science Week

Fri 18th March      Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day

W/c 21st March      Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1

Wed 23rd March      World Maths Day

W/c 28th March      Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers of KS2

Mon 28th March      Y2/3O Visit Washington Wetlands

Wed 30th March      Y2F Visit Washington Wetlands

Fri 8th April      *Children break up for Easter*

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

Mon 25th April      **Summer Term commences—children return to school**



<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 21st January 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</p> <p>Nursery - Isla Featherstone &amp; Scarlett Van Wyk</p> <p>Reception - Darcie Berry</p> <p>Little Willows - Leanne Fletcher Y1L - Lacie Carse Y2F - Archie Hall Y2/30 - Skye Stainsby</p> <p>Y3R - Amelia Wilks Y4L - Lucan Fletcher Y4SW - Finley Amos</p> <p>Y5BE - Jack Colley Y6G - Ethan Wood Y6S - Emilie Haley</p>	<p>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 21st January 2022</p> <p>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</p> <p>Nursery - Holland Finley &amp; Oakley Harrison</p> <p>Reception - Alex Wainwright</p> <p>Little Willows - Eliza Copland Y1L - Lewis Harris Y2F - Alannah Bell Y2/30 - Esmee-Olivya Donnelly Y3R - Phoebe Donnelly Y4L - Cody-Lee Fitzpatrick Y4SW - Eleanor Lewis Y5BE - Olivia Woodcock Y6G - Lennon Y6S - Harper-Raze - Mia Meek</p>
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[The Oak Academy Online Teaching and Learning resource](https://www.thenational.academy)  
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Should you ever need to access our home learning offer there is a high quality range of online resources available to you. Your child's class teacher will be able to direct you to access lessons which they are currently covering in class. Each lesson is an hour long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password required, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home. This is a national resource produced by the DfE.

The DfE expects children in KS1 to access a minimum of 3 hours and a KS2 pupil to access a minimum of 4 hours home learning per day as long as they are feeling well.

Have fun exploring the activities.

If you need anything at all, please phone the main office: 01642 560768 or email your child's class teacher.

Oakdene's website address: <https://www.oakdeneprimary.org.uk/>

The **Winter Mini Challenge** encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

**UPDATE:** The Reading Agency are delighted to announce that they have decided to extend the **Winter Mini Challenge!**

The Challenge will now run until Sunday, 20 February 2022. This Winter, the Reading Agency are very excited to team up with award-winning inclusive publisher **Knights Of** to run an 'Everyone Is A Hero' themed Mini Challenge to celebrate heroes in all their forms and keep children reading this winter.



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read 'Proud to be Deaf' by Ava Lilli and Nick Beese is from Mrs Bramley.



In this book, Ava welcomes her hearing peers to her daily life, the way technology helps her navigate the world and explains the misconceptions about deaf people - and introduces some of her deaf heroes who have achieved amazing things. She talks about her experiences at school making friends with hearing children, and teaches readers the **British Sign Language** alphabet and some **BSL** phrases.

To celebrate **National Storytelling Week**, taking place from **29 January to 5 February** this year, the **National Literacy Trust website** have brought together some top storytelling resources you can share with your children to encourage them to read, write or tell their own stories. These are available in 18 different languages.

Stories are a great way of helping children explore the world, encouraging empathy and developing essential literacy skills. Plus, reading can support children and young people's wellbeing and help them relax.

