



Oak Class Newsletter



Welcome to Oak Class

Hello and welcome to a new school year. I hope you are all feeling well rested after the six weeks off and are raring to go with excitement for all the learning we are going to do this year. Most of the information in this letter are things that you may be familiar with already but please have a read as some things have changed. This newsletter contains all you need to know about our class work and what your child will need to bring with them to school.

Staffing:

Class teacher: Miss Cawsey - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Mrs Ward - Thursdays

Teaching assistants: Mrs Baldock Monday - Friday 1:1 support
Mrs Crowe - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

We look forward to seeing our Year 3 and 4's work hard and achieve lots this year. Please make an appointment to see us or email the school office if you have any questions. admin@hormead.herts.sch.uk

Lates and Absences

Gates are open from 8:35am until 8:55am. Registration closes at 9:00am. Lates and absences must be reported to Mrs Sprosson at the office. She can be contacted on 01763 289201.

Uniform

Please make sure correct uniform is worn at all times and ensure it is named. The uniform policy is on the school website.

Spellings

Your child will bring home a spelling list each week. Each week a 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' sheet will be sent home to help with practising and spellings will be tested every Friday. Your child can also practise their spellings by logging into Spelling Shed. Each week a new assignment is created with their spellings and there are different games to play.

Your children will also bring home a "Spelling Bee Challenge" list. We will have a Spelling Bee Challenge test **every half term**. The children are expected to learn these words at home and will earn a certificate based on their results.

Homework

Reading, Times Tables and Spellings are compulsory daily homework tasks. We will also be sending home our purple homework books for additional Maths and English homework. This will be handed out on a Friday and is due back in on Fridays.

Times tables

TTRockstars log in details will be in reading records. Times tables will be set for your child individually based on their speed of recall and will be monitored regularly. On TTRockstars you will be able to see how your child is doing with their fluency of times tables by looking at their heatmaps which can be found in their 'stats'. As part of homework your child needs to aim to earn 1000 coins each week. Remember it is 10 coins per correct answer if you play in the Garage! A times table test will be completed on Wednesdays where children need to get 12 out of 12 twice before moving onto the next times table.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home with your child and we endeavour to change them when they complete the book. Your child will be read with a teacher/ teaching assistant weekly. Please can you hear your child read daily and ensure you record it in their reading record.

Our Creative Curriculum Topic this term

During the Spring Term, Oak will be learning about 'Are all settlements the same?' and 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' More details can be found on our curriculum letter.

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle.

Website

The website will be updated fortnightly with snapshots of our learning so make sure you check in to see what we've been doing!

Forest School

Year 4s will be taking part in Forest School lessons this term. Please make sure they come to school each Wednesday prepared for this with warm clothing and welly boots.

School rules and values

Children will follow our 4 school rules:

Be Ready - Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Truthful

We will also discuss our school values and how it is important to follow these in school. Love, Respect, Kindness, Aspiration, Resilience, Courage and Cooperation. House points and/or value leaves will be used to celebrate children following these expectations.

PE and Maypole

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit suitable for the weather.

Year 3s will have an additional PE lesson on Wednesdays where they will be preparing for the Maypole performance in May. Please send them into school in school uniform for this.

Timetable

Please see our timetable below. This is subject to change and some weeks may not follow this routine.

	8:35 - 9:00	9:05 - 9:25	9:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:20	1:20 - 1:40	1:45 - 2:50	2:50 - 3:15
Mon	Register Morning task	Worship	Maths		English			Group 2 Spelling lesson	Reading	History/ Geography	French
Tue	Register Morning task	Worship House	PE with Mr Fitzgerald Maypole		English			Group 3 Spelling lesson Group 1 Spelling lesson with Mrs Crowe	Reading	Science	French
Wed	Register Morning task	Worship Singing	Times table test/ Maths		Year 4 Forest School Year 3 Maypole			Group 4 Spelling lesson Group 2 Spelling lesson with Mrs Crowe	Reading	Art/ DT	French
Thu	Register Morning task	Reverend James	Maths		English			Spelling activity Group 1 Spelling lesson with Mrs Crowe	RE	Computing / Music	
Fri	Register Morning task	Worship Celebrate	Maths		Spelling test	English		Library/ Hand out homework	Reading	PSHE	French

Daily exercise will take part at a suitable time each day.