



Oak Cottage Primary School

Dear Parents,

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CLASS LETTER FOR YEAR THREE

This letter introduces you to the expectations and procedures for this academic year. It also explains the activities and topics to be covered during the 2nd half term. If the information on this sheet raises questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me.

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term and are ready for the new term ahead.

Independence and Organisation

This year, we will be encouraging the children to become more **independent** and responsible for their own belongings. Please help by ensuring they:

- Bring their **reading diary** to school **every day**.
- Have their **homework** in school when required.

PE and Swimming

- **PE: Every Monday.**
 - Children should **come to school wearing their full PE kit**.
 - **No earrings** are to be worn on PE days. Children will not be allowed to take part if earrings are still in, even if they are covered.
- **Swimming: Every Tuesday.**
 - Children should bring their **swimming kit** to school.
 - Please see the **swimming letter** for full details of what they need to bring.

Growing Independence

Throughout the year, I will be encouraging the children to show:

- **High levels of personal organisation**
- **Greater independence** in managing their belongings and responsibilities

Homework Information

Homework is designed to link directly with school learning and give children opportunities to **revise and consolidate** what they have been taught.

Homework Books

- Homework should be completed in **pencil**.
- Children should focus on **neat handwriting** when completing tasks.

English Homework

- Set every **Monday** and due the following **Monday**.
- Tasks will focus on either:
 - Grammar
 - Reading comprehension
 - A task linked to their topic

Maths Homework

- Set every **Wednesday** and due the following **Wednesday**.
- Tasks will revise topics already taught in class.

Optional Extra Homework Tasks

A homework grid with additional tasks has been uploaded to the Year 3 class page on the Oak Cottage website. These activities are optional, but if your child chooses to complete them, please ensure the work is done on separate paper (not in books) so it can be displayed.

Reading

- Children in Year 3 should change their **book band reading book** whenever needed (in the morning or just before home time).
- Reading should happen **every day**—either independently or with an adult.
- Reading diaries should be filled in **at least four times a week**.
- When writing in the diary, children should use the **comments section as a word bank**:
 - Choose **two words** they do not know.
 - Find and write the meaning (using a dictionary or Google).
- Reading diaries are checked every **Monday**.

Theme: Raging Rivers	This half term, our theme is "Raging Rivers." We will explore rivers from around the world and our writing will include poems and non-chronological reports inspired by river journeys.
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Subject / Topic	Description of the work to be covered
English	The children will be studying a variety of writing styles. Their first piece will be a third person recount based on 'The Journey' by Neil Griffiths and Scott Mann. Then they will study rhyme and poetry before completing journalistic writing. Handwriting will be taught weekly with emphasis placed on joins, size and fluency. Spellings and phonics activities will take place across the week.
Mathematics	In maths we will continue to work on addition and subtraction. They will learn several different strategies to add and subtract and apply these to reasoning and problem-solving questions. Later in the term, we will focus on multiplication and division as we look to get children's understanding of the concrete methods.

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Science	In science this half term, children will have the opportunity to explore the natural world. They will focus on the trouble of bees and the effect we as humans are having on their habitats, whether positive or negative. The children will look at the habitats of birds and will make observations of their homes over time.
Computing	This half term, the children will create a stop motion storyboard and then animate using iMotion.
Geography	We will explore key aspects of the water cycle, identifying various water stores and processes. We will also describe the three courses of a river – upper, middle and lower – and name the physical features found along a river's path. Additionally, we will learn about some of the world's major rivers and their locations, while discussing the different ways rivers are used by people.
Physical Education	Children will focus on their ball skills and will have the opportunity to develop their accuracy and consistency when tracking a ball. They will explore a variety of throwing techniques and will learn to select the appropriate throw for the situation.
Religious Education	Year 3 will learn about the key parts of the Nativity story, including how it began, the journey involved, where Jesus was born and why. The children will explore these events creatively, learning about the visitors after the birth and how baby Jesus' life was in danger.
Music	This half term, the children will explore dynamics, tempo, duration, texture, pitch and structure in music. They will also create and perform their own rhythms and melodies.
PSHE	"Celebrating Differences" – We will discuss the importance of being unique, recognising our differences, and understanding what it means to be influenced. The children will explore scenarios involving bullying

	and learn strategies to address it, while also reflecting on what makes them special and appreciating what is special about others.
French	In French, the children will learn to follow instructions, name parts of the body, identify colours, and describe what they are wearing.

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