

Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 3

Miss Peek (Year Lead)


Miss Cater

Mrs Killow



Mrs Brown (HLTA), Mr Burton, Mr Fraser, Mrs Harwood and Mr White will be supporting.

Curriculum Overview for this half-term

<p>Topic:</p> <p>This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term. Our key text is <i>Greta and the Giants</i></p> 	<p>Science</p> <p>As Scientists we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant investigate the way in which water is transported within plants explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal 	<p>Computing</p> <p>As mathematicians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify that digital devices have inputs, processes and outputs Understand how devices can be connected to make networks
<p>English</p> <p>As writers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap Year 2 SPaG objectives Explore the poem 'sound collector' and use this as inspiration to create our own Learn and use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases Identify features of a persuasive poster Create a persuasive poster to help people reduce the amount of plastic they are using 	<p>PE</p> <p>As athletes we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play and learn invasion game skills (eg. Basketball) Complete RealPE lessons focusing on social skills Develop ball skills and coordination Be able to recognise the importance of health/fitness to our bodies <p>Art and Design Technology</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>As theologians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore how people express commitment to a religion/worldview in different ways <p>History and Geography</p>

You can see this on the school website.

Key vocabulary

Sustainability	Be able to maintain a certain rate or level
Environment	The surroundings or conditions where a person/animal/plant lives
Renewability	Something that cannot run out, it can be naturally replenished
Recycling	To convert rubbish/waste into something else
Conservation	Protecting or looking after something
hundreds	ten tens or one hundred ones
tens	one ten or ten ones
ones	single unit
operation	maths procedure (eg. addition)

<p>As readers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Schofield and Sims to help our reading comprehension in groups Develop fluency and speed of our reading Be able to answer inference and retrieval questions Read a range of texts to continue to develop our love for reading 	<p>As artists and designers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent feeling through human form via sketch Use shadows, cross hatching, shading Lightening and darkening colours using black and white 	<p>As historians and geographers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore what being sustainable actually means Think about how we can help make our school more sustainable
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Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

1 | Read for a star



To help your child make good progress in their reading, we encourage you to read with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading diary. They will receive certificates during the year to celebrate their reading at home.

2 | Marvellous Maths

The aim of Marvellous Maths is to encourage your child to do a fun mathematical activity four times a week. This may be helping them with number bonds, practising telling the time and measuring ingredients whilst cooking.

3 | Year group specific

- Times table rockstars
- Seesaw home learning-set and marked each week
- Languagenut
- Children change their own banded reading book at the back of the classroom when required

Week 3 Commencing 18th September 2023

Read For a Star

Which book(s) am I reading this week?

Stuck in Fog

Marvellous Maths

This week I'm working on...

Numbers 10 - 100

Reading

Stuck in Fog P1-4

Maths

Numbots

Reading

Stuck in Fog - green words and red words

Maths

Played snap

Reading

Stuck in Fog - practised 'Fred in your head'

Maths

Times table rockstars (10x table)

Reading

Read library book - 'Look Up!'

Maths

Measured ingredients for baking

Reading

Read stories at bedtime

Maths

Counted cars on the way to school

Weekend

Spelling games + adding money

Comments:

Seesaw

- Only teachers can see what is uploaded
- Each child has a unique, individual log in code
- Set and marked weekly
- Paper copies available every week from Miss Peek (please ask!)

<https://web.seesaw.me/>



Weekly Schedule

1 | PE Days

PE days will be **Wednesday** and **Fridays**.

Children must have PE kit in school for these days but can leave their kit in school all week if wanted.



2 | Library Day

Library Day is Wednesday. In order to get a new book to take home, children will need to bring their old one from home each week.



3 | Assemblies

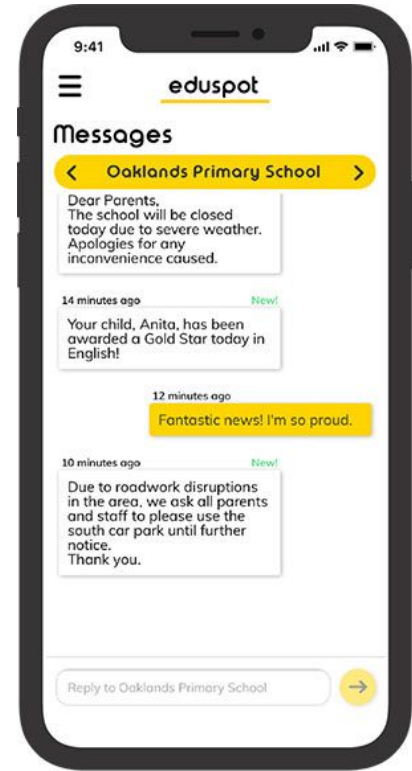
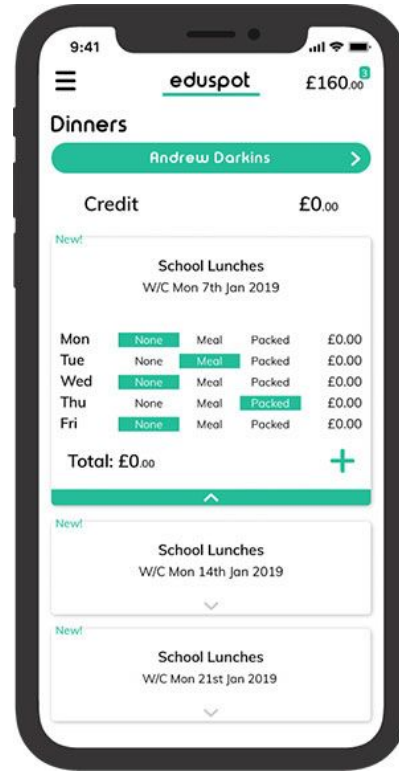
Every week, we have a Monday morning assembly with Mr. Cross to start the week. We also have a weekly singing assembly on Thursday and a celebration assembly on Friday. We will let you know in good time when your child's Show and Share Assembly will be taking place.





How we keep in touch with you

We use Eduspot for school money and communication. Make sure you download the app and allow push notifications to receive texts alerts



How we keep in touch with you

Year 2 Blog Posts



Year 2 – Smoothie Making

12th July 2023

In DT this half term Year 2 have completed a smoothie making project. First they taste tested smoothies so that they could decide which fruits they liked best. Then they designed their own recipes and wrote out which ingredients they would need. Finally they made their smoothies, carefully cutting the fruit and adding it to the container before it was blended. Then they got to



Year 2 – PE

29th June 2023

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a course of activities to practise what they've learnt. They even challenged themselves to adapt the activities to make them trickier!



Year 2 – Online Author Visit

23rd June 2023

Year 2 had an exciting morning today when they took part in an online author visit with Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adedokun. The children listened to Nathan and Dapo read their new book *Speak Up!* and then took part in a quiz. After that, Dapo taught the children how to draw the bookworm from



Monthly Newsletters

Year Group Blog Pages

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 / Autumn 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

We welcome back to our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break over the half term and hope to see you over the coming term. Please keep an eye out for any year group text messages to help you plan for the coming week with your child.

Key vocabulary

axle	A rod on which wheels can rotate.
chassis	A frame on which a vehicle is built.
axle nut	Woodsen nut used to make axles.
brake	Device used to slow down or stop a vehicle.
axle nut	The Honda Festival of Lights.
materials	What objects are made from.
authentic	Having properties for a specific purpose.
properties	What a material is for and how it behaves.

Upcoming Dates

07th & 08th 11 - Whole School Parents' Evening appointments

11th & 12th 11 - Remembrance Assembly (Children only)

16th & 17th 11 - Year 2/3/4/5 Curriculum Day (Year 2 only tickets booked)

08th 12 - 11.6 & 2.16 - Year 2 Nativity performance

Kita Festival - Date TBC

Year 3 Wraps

Hedgehog Music Performance

Oct 9 – 15, 2023

Monday, October 9

- all-day School Photos

Tuesday, October 10

- all-day School Photos

Friday, October 13

- all-day Curriculum Day

Curriculum Newsletter every half-term

Online Calendar on our website

Newsletter June 2023



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Reminder: Sports Day 2023



Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Cromes, a day of water sports at Whittingham broads for Year 3 and Year 5 are off to Eaton Valley today for their residential trip!

I hope parents and carers can join us for our upcoming sports day and summer fair, organised by the Friends of OFPS.

Mr Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we get warmer weather this half term please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream. It's also recommended to apply sun cream at home and send your child to school with extra sun cream so they can re-apply.



KS1 Playground Improvements

Over the half-term, we have been busy making improvements to our playground areas, to add more shade during the summer months and help improve playtimes for children. Please be careful when



We are looking forward to parents and carers joining us for our annual sports day event. Like last year, this will take place on the main field (weather dependent) and you will be able to access the site from the side gate by the main entrance. Parents and carers are welcome to attend on the following sessions:

15th June - Years 1, 2 and 3	9.15 - 11.30am
15th June - Years 4, 5 and 6	12.30 - 2.45pm
16th June - Nursery	AM - 10.50am PM - 2.20pm
16th June - Reception	9am

Earth Day 2023

Miss Taylor helped to lead our whole-school Earth Day event in May. Children found out more about the impact of littering on the environment. In the afternoon buddy classes met up to complete 'No - Mow May' posters, which have been placed in our outdoor classroom.



Workshares

Every half-term, we are inviting you into your child's classroom to have a browse of the learning they have done across subjects and to celebrate their achievements to date. These last 30 minutes and take place from 3 - 3.30pm.

The first workshare will take place on Tuesday 15th October from 3 - 3.30pm



Snack and Lunchtimes

Packed Lunches

This is eaten in the school hall with the other children. As a 'healthy school' we do not permit fizzy drinks or sweets.

School Lunches

There is a always hot dinner, vegetarian, jacket potato and cold lunch option.

Children really enjoy trying a range of foods, with our roast Wednesdays and fish and chip Friday always a hit!

You can order your child's lunch in advance on our school app.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Mid-morning Break

Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack into school for their mid-morning break. This could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese.

Please do not supply chocolate, sweets or crisps for mid-morning snack.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a 'named' water bottle for use during the school day. This should be filled with water only - no squash, juices or fizzy drinks in school.

Week One *School Lunch Menu*
Spring - Summer Menu 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	(v) Margherita Pizza with Puzoso Wedges	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sticky Chicken with Savory Rice	Fish Fingers
Served with	Sweetcorn	Pasta Bowls and Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Mixed Salad	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Cocoa Cupcake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Summer Berry Muffin	Vanilla Ice Cream	Zesty Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges

Subject to change

Week One: 17 Apr | 8 May | 15 June | 26 June | 17 July | 24 Sept | 9 Oct

Our School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and we expect all children to wear it with pride. For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery in school, apart from studded earrings (which should be covered during PE and swimming).

Uniform	PE Uniform (in named bag)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)	Shorts and purple polo shirt
White shirt/polo shirt	Trainers for outdoor PE
Black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts	
Dark trainers/flat sensible shoes	



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Why attendance is important



1 | Secure Relationships

Children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school.

2 | Self-esteem

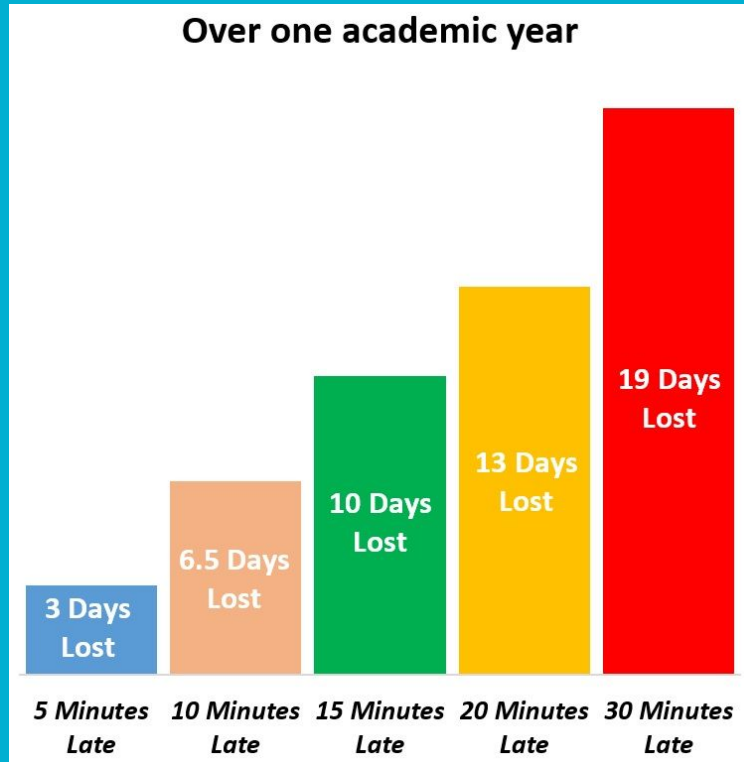
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

3 | Learning and development

Teachers plan lessons that build on previous knowledge. If children are absent from school regularly, they are at risk of having gaps in their learning.

Every minute counts

(figures below are calculated over a school year)



Top tips for improving attendance

- ★ Speak positively about school at home.
- ★ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ★ Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- ★ Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep.
- ★ Speak to staff at school if you would like more support.

Key KS2 differences from KS1

Things to be aware of!

- Unless you are eligible for free school meals, school lunches now have to be paid for. They must be **ordered at home** on school money. Please order your child's lunch choices for the week at home in advance.
- Snack is no longer free or given so please send your child with a suitable snack (fruit, vegetable, yoghurt, breadsticks)
- New playground
- Assembly with upper school
- New morning drop off gate and routine.

Any Questions?

