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Oak Class Newsletter Spring Term 2012

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fun and festive Christmas holiday.

This term our topic is Lights Camera Action! This is a fantastic subject and covers so many areas. The children will be learning and researching all about the film industry, discovering and experimenting about special effects and how they are created and they will also be thinking about how to design and create their own superhero costume.

In Literacy this term we will be focusing on different techniques in writing. We will start by looking at the use of flashbacks in narrative and how famous authors, specifically J.K.Rowling, uses flashbacks when writing Harry Potter and why this is an effective device to use. We will also be exploring other types of techniques in non-fiction such as persuasive writing and argument.

In Maths the children will be furthering their knowledge in a vast number of areas. There will be a mental maths test once a week on a Monday to record their progress and highlight any areas the children might find difficult. To ensure that the children have quick and accurate recall of their timestables they will have a 10 minute timed timestable challenge every Friday. The progress the class has made as a whole from doing this weekly challenge is amazing, I am very proud of them.

Homework will be sent out on Fridays and should be completed by the following Tuesday. If this is a problem for anyone and you have not already been in to see me please do without any hesitation. All children have been given a yellow homework folder which they should use to take homework home and bring back to school. This folder can then be left at school ready for the Friday homework to go home in. The homework will be related to work that has been covered during the week, so the children should be familiar with it, as it will consolidate their learning. There will be homework for Maths, Literacy and a list of spellings. The children should practise spelling their words at home during the week and then on Tuesday there will be a spelling test. There are extra words, all children should challenge themselves and try and learn these. It is also really important that you continue to read with your child at home as regularly as possible. Please let me know if you have any difficulties or worries as to your child's understanding of the work.

PE will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and will be taken by myself and Ms Spence. Please ensure that full and named PE kits are kept in school all week. The children will be swimming every Monday and doing gymnastics on

Tuesday. If your child has their ears pierced, for health and safety reasons, please remove their earrings for PE days.

This is the season for colds, therefore if you can bring in a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated.

I am usually available before or after school, so if you have any queries please drop in and ask.

Yours sincerely

Miss Collinge