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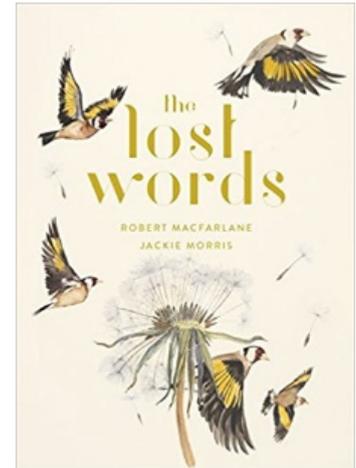
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### Oak Class Newsletter – Autumn 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Curriculum

This term, we will be studying the book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. For more information, please view our attached Topic Web, which will also be displayed on the school website.



#### Homework and Spellings

**Year 5** – The 'Enriching Learning' homework sheet will be posted on the school website, as in previous terms, with the expectation that one piece is to be returned to school, completed, every **Thursday**. Alternatively, the children could complete the Mathematics task, which will be set and checked every **Thursday**. Please look out for weekly spelling lists, which will be provided by your child's spelling teacher. Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. The children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes, three times a week.



**Year 6** – I will give the Year 6 children one piece of homework to complete each week. This is to be returned by the following **Thursday**. Please look out for weekly spelling lists, which will be provided by your child's spelling teacher. Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. The children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes, three times a week.

#### P.E.

This term, the children will have swimming lessons on Monday mornings and P.E. on Thursday mornings. However, it is helpful if the children have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, including shorts, house t-shirt and trainers for indoor, and tracksuit bottoms, a warm long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor sessions. Football boots may be useful for Thursday P.E. sessions as the ground becomes muddier. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named. After half term, the children's swimming lessons will finish and they will have outdoor adventure activities with myself instead.



#### Parents' Evening

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.

## **Important Dates**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – **Individual school photos**  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - **Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – **Harvest Festival**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **Year 6 IMPS visit**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – **Cycling Proficiency test for Year 6 Group A**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – **Woodlands visit**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - **Half term**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - **Woodlands Sharing Worship**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November– **Flu nasal spray**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – **Cycling Proficiency test for Year 6 Group B**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – **Parents’ evenings**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - **Children in Need**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – **School Association Christmas Fayre**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Church Service**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – **Singing Around the Tree, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **Last day of term**

\* **Please note that some dates are provisional at this point, so keep an eye out for confirmed dates on the school website.**

## **Contact**

Should you need to contact me about any matter arising, you may email me directly on the following email address:

[scrockett@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:scrockett@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk)

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as I am often busy with classroom duties or teaching earlier in the day. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. Obviously, if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office or speak to me at the start or end of the day.

## **Reminders**

- Water bottles – Please make sure children have a clear water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows them access to water as and when they require it. Please note, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor shoes – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.



Kind regards,  
Miss Crockett