

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an exciting Christmas break. Thank you for all of your kind cards, gifts and well wishes for Christmas. This term's enquiry is; 'What's in the past?'. During the term we will be travelling through time like Dr Who. We are starting by travelling right back to look at dinosaurs, then moving on to looking at historical people. Don't forget to check the website (www.redoaks.org) during the term for regular updates and photos.

Morning Routine

The children have now settled well into their morning routine. This term, Year 1 begin their formal guided reading sessions in the morning. We appreciate your support in helping us develop the children's independence in the morning and ask that you please encourage your child to come in on his/her own. It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40 am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. If you have any queries or concerns, we are available until 8:35 each morning or you can arrange to see us after school most days. Thank you for your understanding.

PE

As a reminder; children will need PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor (tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt) PE in school. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Reading books

As a class we will visit the library during the week, at which times the children have access to a range of books. We are continuing to work on changing their books independently. When your child has finished reading their school books, please ask your child to put them in the tray next to the door. The school books the children are currently working on are written in their home/school contact book so both adults and children know which box to choose their books from. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible at home.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be handed out and tested on a Tuesday. Now that the children are familiar with spelling tests, we will start to 'muddle up' the order in which words will be tested.

Trip to Oxford Natural History Museum

We are arranging a visit to see fossils and dinosaurs at the Oxford Natural History Museum. Date and details to follow shortly.

Miss King and Mrs Deacon-Willis ☺