



ACADEMY UPDATE

For parents and carers

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you Oakwood Primary Academy school priorities for the Spring Term. These have been determined following assessments and reviews of teaching and learning at the end of the Autumn Term and aim to further develop our school's effectiveness.

Over this term we will be focusing on the following:

Curriculum Implementation

- We will continue to work on developing our curriculum further so that it incorporates activities, experiences, visits and visitors to enable children to access a broad and rich curriculum. We will continue to work on developing explicit links across subjects to help children develop their long-term memory so that they retain their learning.

Pedagogy

- This is all about how children learn. We will continue to work on MAT and school-based projects and training so that teaching is targeted from children's starting points and subsequent areas for development. We will be looking particularly how we can challenge and accelerate progress for our more able children and on SEN provision across the school.

Early Intervention

- This is a whole school focus on closing gaps between groups of children and during this term we will focus on Early Years and Key Stage 1.

How can you help your child?

- **Reading** – As you support and encourage your child with reading at home; please take time to discuss and explain 'challenge' words to broaden vocabulary development and understanding. Reading at home is so valuable and has such a positive impact on your child's learning in school. You could join the local library they are really keen to support children reading and provide many free events across the year.
- **Maths** - Please continue to support your child to learn number facts so that they have a quick and accurate recall of number. Times Table Rock Stars is a brilliant online resource you and your child can use at home to help support these important skills.
- **Writing** – The children have really embraced cursive handwriting and we have been very impressed by the progress the children during the Autumn Term. Please continue to encourage your child to think carefully about their cursive handwriting when they are doing their homework so that their presentation is the best that it can be.

These priorities will be reviewed again at the end of the Spring Term and a further update will follow at the beginning of the Summer Term. A copy of the School Improvement Plan for the Spring Term is on display in the Community Area of our school. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher at the Parent Meetings taking place during the week beginning 13th or 20th January 2020. This will be followed by your child's annual report just prior to the Easter holidays.

I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school and your engagement with any learning opportunities that your child undertakes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison'.

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