



ACADEMY UPDATE

For parents and carers

May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Over this term we will be focusing on the following:

Well-being

- In PSHE children will continue to learn about the importance of self-respect and how this links to their own self-esteem, self-worth and happiness.
- This will be supported by the PSHE Rtime programme which will be followed by all the year groups, this helps to develop self-esteem, confidence and building relationships.

Reading

- Deliver parent sessions to support reading at home including how to use RWI Book Bag Books, phonics and developing 'Book Talk' to support comprehension skills.
- To continue to develop the reading environment so that children can access a wider range of quality books and reading support materials to promote reading for enjoyment.

Writing

- To continue to embed 'The Write Stuff' approach so that key skills are secured.
- To continue to develop oracy skills across the curriculum with a focus on the use of sentence stems to support quality written outcomes across the curriculum.

In addition, each year group has a specific reading or writing priority to support learning outcomes and progress towards age related expectations by the end of the year.

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. If you have not done so already, please 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** – 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 Summer Term and a further update will follow at the beginning of the Autumn Term. A copy of the School Improvement Plan for the Summer Term is on display in the Community Area of our school. 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Alison'.

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