



# ACADEMY UPDATE

For parents and carers

January 2022

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:

## Well-being

- In PSHE children will learn about the importance of self-respect and how this links to their own self-esteem, self-worth and happiness.
- Plan and access a range of rich experiences related to topic themes and through the continued use of the MAT Discovery List.

## Reading

- Develop the range of parent information available to help support with reading at home, this could include leaflets, useful websites and video tutorials.
- To further 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 further 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 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. Your child's annual report will be sent home at the end of Term 4 just prior to the Easter Holiday. 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 Nettleship', written in a cursive style.

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