

8th January 2024



OPAL CLASS

Dear Families

We have had a really productive start back to school! The children have settled so well back into school life. I can tell they are well rested after the Christmas break and raring to go – although the morning wake ups have been a shock to the system! We are also pleased to announce we have a new member of staff, Gemma Richards, who has also settled in to school brilliantly! The children are delighted to see Mrs Richards in school – I can tell we are going to have an amazing school term of learning. Already this term we have begun learning about the Antarctica and what animals live there, conducted science activities, revised what the difference is between rectangle and a square, not to mention the phonics challenges already completed. This term we are going to have a big focus on drawing and already I have noticed how the children's self-portraits have changed over time! Really exciting!

This week's key reminders:

- PE Thursday with Mr Chinn and Friday with Miss Horne (PE kit to be worn to school for both days please)
- BOOM READER - passwords to be handed out Tuesday afternoon

Things to remember.... Please can everyone make sure that the children come into school with the following:

- Drinks bottles and coats
- Red book bags with books in
- An extra healthy snack

Please can I remind everyone to book the children's lunch online ready for the week ahead. Discuss this with them so they know what they are having.

Maths Homework - White Rose Maths Online learning

If you would like to support your child's maths learning at home please follow the link below:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=early-years&term=spring>

Literacy Learning – Our core text this term is The Gingerbread Man

The Gingerbread Man is going to be up to mischief this term –please watch this space!

Read Write Inc

RWInc letters to **review** this week include 'special friends': th ch sh

Watch these great film clips of Fred and Elly learning RWInc. Go to the following links on the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc site online:

For the sound sh <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WuEFcXoA/QSRsncz5>

For the sound ch <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mmODi9XY/zwjcPVGd>

For the sound th <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/mA9Zk0xR/IBGeCCAx>

Any queries any time please ask!! **Viv Horne** *Opal Class Teacher*