

Home Involvement

Homework

Congratulations to Owen, Tyler, Kye, Tommy, Antonio, Lemmy and Nivin who completed 100% of homework tasks set and handed it in on time! I hope that more children are able to achieve 100% this term. Homework is given out on a Friday and is to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Reading

Children should bring their book bag and reading folder to school daily. Children will read to an adult on a Tuesday however we aim to seize every opportunity to hear your child read so it is essential that their reading folder is in school every day.

Please ensure that you are dating the reading log when you have heard your child read. This ensures that the Reading at Home display in the window is accurate.



Independence

We are still expecting all children to be dropped off at the door in the mornings. All of the children should take off and hang up their own coats and book bags independently.

To encourage independent dressing, please ensure that your child can either tie their own laces or wear shoes that they are able to put on by themselves.



**GREEN OAKS
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

Class Newsletter



**Woodpecker Class
Spring 1—2018**

Our theme is Pirates!
We are going to have a Pirate dress up day
on the 2nd of February!

Last term

We have now completed a whole term at school! All of us have learnt to write our names and we have all made super progress with our reading and writing.

Our trip to the library was very fun. We read a story and looked at lots of books. Many of the children wanted to join the library, it is only 10 minutes from school!



Our Christmas production of Lights, Camel, Action was fantastic. We all enjoyed learning to sing like a Funky Camel! Thank you for your support with costumes, the children looked wonderful!

Phonics , Writing and Reading

Due to the children's enthusiasm , we have been making remarkable progress in Phonics. Before Christmas we had started Phase 3 sounds which means that we are learning to read and write using digraphs (two letters that make one sound). We are continuing to practice read-



ing words by chopping it up into sounds that we already know and then blending the sounds together. It is essential that your child has opportunities to practice reading to you at home.

We will now be starting the day with a morning writing challenge that will be displayed on the whiteboard rather than our usual sentence copying.

Every child has made some progress with their reading and writing since starting in Sep-

tember.

Maths

In Maths we have been working very hard. We are trying to choose the correct numeral for a given quantity. For example matching the number 4 to a group of four objects. This concept has proved to be quite tricky and we will be continuing this learning throughout the next term.

We are also practicing counting the total of two groups of objects. This is early addition and we hope to soon progress to be able to add two numbers together confidently.



We will be having a more formal approach to teaching Maths this term. We are increasing our group teaching of Maths to twice a day.