

# King's Oak Primary School - Blossom Blue Y1 and Y2 - Spring Term 2024

Blossom Blue Team:

Teacher: Ms Challis

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Brenner Mrs Hammocks Ms Edwards



**HOMESCHOOL DIARIES** These will be sent home in your children's bags each day. Please use these to pass on any messages about your child. We aim to write in the books at least twice a week. You are welcome to telephone us at school with any urgent queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Any queries regarding absence/sickness, clubs, After School Club, letters and trips should be dealt with through the School Office, not through Blossom. Please also check the School Website as sometimes you may find the answers there. We also have a Blossom email address you can use - blossom@kingsoak.school

**OT** This term we welcome three new Occupational Therapists: Pippa Chapman, Laura Quinn and Tegan Dudley. They will be supporting the children to achieve their termly goals. This year throughout the day we will be working on your child's individual OT goals. Each child has a fine motor and a gross motor target that they are working towards. Every morning we do Sensory Circuits to help us feel calm. Some fine motor activities we do daily include: handwriting, theraputty, therabands, cutting skills and tweezer work. Some gross motor activities we do daily include: throwing, catching, yoga, core strength, hopping and jumping.

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY:** Penny Thomas is our Speech and Language therapist and is currently on maternity leave. We have Elizabeth Paz, a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant who is taking the children for interventions. Please let the Blossom staff know if you would like to contact the therapist directly.

## **Trips and Visits**

Please look on your child's mainstream curriculum newsletter.

## **Whole School Dates**

Half-term: w/b 12th February  
Parents Evenings Year 1 and 2: 4th and 7th March  
28th March- End of spring term 2pm

**PHONICS:** We will continue with our phonics scheme Sounds Write this year. If you would like to support your child at home or would like any more information, there are parent videos available online at <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/>. You can also sign up for the free parent course (link available on the website) If you have further questions please ask in the home/school diary.

**READING:** Through reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, we will be learning how to infer information from the books we read and how to use evidence from the book to support our ideas. We will be looking closely at new vocabulary together. We will continue to develop our fluency and interest in new texts. **Please continue to hear your child read everyday at home - it really supports their progress.**

**MATHS:** We will be following the national curriculum in Maths appropriate for each child's ability level. We will be exploring numbers to 20, learning number bonds to 5 and then 10, making comparison of quantities and learning to recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to use Mathematics at home to support our learning.

**ENGLISH:** In English this term we will be encouraging the children to share their thoughts and opinions. This will help with our listening and speaking skills. We will use a range of stories including: How to Catch a Star. Throughout all of our lessons, we will be working on our handwriting, spelling and punctuation skills.

**MAINSTREAM** Year 1 and 2 children access Topic, Science, PE, Music, Art, RE and PHSE in their mainstream classes - please see the mainstream newsletters for any information about these subjects and what the children will be working on this term.