

# King's Oak Primary School - Blossom Blue Y1 and Y2 - Autumn Term 2022 - 2023

Blossom Blue Team:

Teacher: Ms Challis

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Brenner Ms Bugembe Ms Edwards



**HOMESCHOOL DIARIES** These will be sent home in your children's bags each day. We aim to write in the books at least twice a week. Any additional information personal to you, for example, if your child has had a difficult day or a fantastic day will be written in the book. You are welcome to telephone us at school with any urgent queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If you need to send in any slips and for clubs, you can put these in your child's Home/School Diary and we will pass them on to the Office in the register. 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 remember to use Parent Mail and 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** Jennifer Dartnell is our Occupational Therapist who will continue to work with us on a Wednesday, and Erin Waller her assistant will provide additional OT support on Fridays. 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, threading, cutting skills and tweezer work. Some gross motor activities we do daily include: throwing, catching, balancing, yoga, core strength, hopping and jumping.

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY:** Penny Thomas is our Speech and Language therapist. Sofia Chrys will continue as our Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. If your child needs SaLT support they will be part of the groups run by Sofia throughout the week. Please let the Blossom staff know if you would like to contact these therapists directly.

**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.

**Whole School Dates**

**Parents Evening: w/b 16.10.22**

**Half-term: w/b 23/10/22**

**Christmas Productions:**

**Y1 and Y2 14.12.22 at 9**

**Reception 15.12.22 at 9**

**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 would like. 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, and understanding and applying this in our writing. 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 curriculum designed by the NCETM to ensure that any gaps in our learning are addressed. We will be exploring counting to 100, Comparison of quantities and part-whole relationships and learning to recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes. As a school, we will be taking part in the NCETM Mastering Number Programme which will ensure all children are fluent in basic number facts so they have a secure base for their learning in maths. We will continue to use Mathletics at home to support our learning.

**ENGLISH:** In English this term we will be using talking partners to share our thoughts and opinions. This will help with our listening and speaking skills. We will use a range of stories including: Owl Babies, Bog Baby, The Gruffalo and Ravi's Roar, to write sentences with capital letters and full stops. Throughout all of our lessons, we will be working on our handwriting, spelling and punctuation skills.