



# Old Oak Primary School

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## Year 5 Aspen Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. The class seem well rested and revitalised – ready to do some excellent learning this term. A reminder of our class timetable and who is teaching is below. We were fortunate to have several class trips and visitors last term and there are more to come. Off-site trips are a fantastic way for the children to learn in a different environment and have new experiences.

Please continue to ensure that your child is reading at home every night. The best way to consolidate the learning we do in class is for your child to explain it to you at the end of the day, so please ask them questions about what they have done at school, what made them laugh, what excited or surprised them. A gentle reminder that homework is set on Friday and must be completed by the following Wednesday.

Catia will continue to support children in Aspen class and we also have Miss Sun for part of the term who is training to be a teacher at UCL. Clare will teach the class on Thursday afternoons while I work on planning and preparation. Miss Kahlil teaches the class every Wednesday.

This table shows the weekly events in school.

|                      | Monday              | Tuesday                              | Wednesday | Thursday    | Friday        |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Activities in school | Library<br>Swimming | Ukulele<br>Mindfulness<br>with Agata |           | PE          | Spelling test |
| Your child will need | Swimming kit        |                                      |           | Full PE kit |               |

**PE:** The children will have 2 PE sessions a week: swimming on Monday and a session with Mike from QPR on Thursday. It is essential that your child has a one-piece, tight, swimming costume, made of the correct material for swimming. Baggy costumes weigh the children down, make it harder to swim and may be dangerous for them and others if they get caught on something or someone. All jewellery must be removed.

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE Kit on Thursday – Trainers, dark shorts/ leggings, plain white/navy T-shirt. This term's PE will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child brings warm, suitable clothing.

**Water bottles:** It is vital that each child brings a water bottle to school each day, to ensure they stay hydrated. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with their name on it.

**Homework:** Homework will start on Seesaw next week – there will be weekly spellings plus an English and Maths task.



**Reading:** It is so important to read as much as possible at home. Reading books will be sent home to be read for at least 15 mins a day. Please encourage your child to read to you and discuss the book together, please leave a comment in their reading record as a way of communicating this.

**Music:** The children will have a weekly singing assembly and a weekly music session. They will be learning to play the Ukulele on a Tuesday with Mikey.

**Curriculum Map:** The curriculum map will be uploaded to the website shortly. This will give you an overview of what the class will be learning this term. If you like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Joshua