

OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm very pleased to announce the launch of 'Big TIGER Learning Week' beginning on 11th April 2016, our first week back after the Easter break.

To kick-start the week, our Terry Tiger mascot will be greeting the children as they enter school and he will participate in our special launch assembly and in other events throughout the week. The new Tiger Learning reward system (described fully in separate correspondence on our website) will be explained to the children during the assembly and children will then have the opportunity to earn 'Tiger Tokens' to spend in the Tiger Shop for displaying TIGER characteristics in their learning. Look out for a TIGER Learning sticker on your child's jumper or in their planner that indicates they have been awarded a token— ask them why they received it and which TIGER character they represented!

During the afternoons of TIGER Learning Week, all children will have access to a range of activities which promote the learning behaviours of our TIGER characters such as Gustav Gorilla's team building challenges and Travis Termite's brain teasers! To promote Rita Raccoon's risk-taking behaviours and encourage our children to persevere with new challenges outside their usual experiences we have commissioned the 'Warehouse Climbing Centre' and their team of qualified climbing instructors to bring their climbing wall to school. All pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to climb and discuss their feelings and learning behaviours before and after the event! Full risk assessments are available on request and all relevant insurance is in place. Year 1 pupils and those in Early Years will have a session on an inflatable obstacle course to develop their skills of perseverance and risk-taking. The school are offering these experiences free of charge.

All children are invited to come to school dressed in appropriate outdoor sports wear **on Wednesday 13th April**, the day of Rita Raccoon's risk taking challenges. Joggers/leggings, a fleece or tracksuit top and pumps/trainers will be required.

We do hope our launch week will inspire our children to consider how their attitudes and behaviours impact significantly on their own attainment, progress and enjoyment in learning.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs L. Holt (Tiger Learning Co-ordinator)

