



Oak Class



Autumn 2 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely, restful half term and are all ready for a fun but busy half term with many exciting experiences ahead of us. I have been so pleased and proud of the class for settling into oak class last half term and I know this term is going to be an exciting and memorable one!

Learning Quest

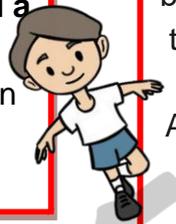
This term our learning quest is called "Heroes".

In class we are still continuing our current learning quest of 'the rainforest but in December we will be moving onto our new learning quest 'Heroes'. This topic will be taking us up to February half term. To start the quest off we will be looking at what it means to be a hero; how to become a hero and discussing who our own individual heroes are. We will also look in to famous heroes, including discovering more about black history'. The children will also get the opportunity to dress up as their own hero one day.

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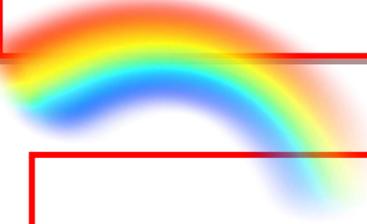
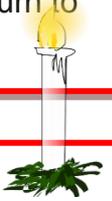
PE

PE will be jointly taught by Miss Hurn and Mr Stafford. The children are looking so smart in their new school PE kits, all wearing red and black. The school will continue to teach RealPE units, a scheme of PE that concentrates on the skills involved in different aspects of PE, improving these to keep children active and preparing them for team and individual sports. This term we are concentrating on coordination, agility and improving our balancing skills. PE will take place on a **Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning** but, as ever, please ensure that the children have PE kits in school all week.



Love Reading

We continue to focus upon developing a love of reading for all of the children in the school. All children will get the opportunity to read with Miss Hurn as a group during guided reading each week. As you are aware in KS2 we no longer ask to check reading records (but keep reading at home, Miss Hurn very much enjoys hearing about what you are reading!) instead our scheme of '100 recommended books for years 3 and 4' will be in operation this half term where children will complete a short review of each book they read from the list. Another way we are showing our love for reading is by bringing in appropriate books for Miss Hurn to read during reading pledge.



Collective Worship

Mon – Class Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards
 Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy

In Literacy oak class will be continuing on with their explanation text. We will continue to look at the different features found in an explanation text whilst practising the different grammar and vocabulary skills. Last half term we began learning a text called 'why dragons are extinct?' and this term we will be finishing this piece off by creating our own explanation text called 'why are oak class the best class in the world?' I am sure we will have lots to write about! After this non-fiction unit we will be moving on to an adventure fiction piece.

Our current targets in literacy are, using titles and subheadings, using technical vocabulary in our explanation text and grouping topics into appropriate paragraphs.

Behaviour & Reward

This year we have changed the behaviour system across the whole school. Instead of snakes and ladders, we have now decided to put into place a system where children are encouraged to follow the expectations set by the school and not for the sake of a reward. Going above and beyond will still be recognised through star of the week, head teachers award and lunch time awards, where children will receive 3 house points when given one of these awards. For more information please see the school website.

Numeracy

We will be continuing to use Maths Mastery to teach our maths sessions this year. This will mean that the children will get the chance to explore their maths in great depth, looking at different pictures and models to show how the concepts they are learning about work. They also get lots of opportunity to talk about their understanding both as a class and in group work. Mastery is all about the children exploring and discussing. This term in Oak class our topics are: addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children will be exploring different ways to add and subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers and appropriate ways to check and estimate their answers. In multiplication and division children will be learning efficient methods to multiply and divide by their timetables that they have been learning and looking at factors.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>

Homework

Children will be getting a list of year 3/4 spelling words that are learnt for the whole half term and they will be tested on them at the end of term. Children will continue to learn patterns on a week-by-week basis in class. Please take the time to spend some time each week reviewing the words and the rules with children. Weekly maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday with My Maths to be completed by the following Friday but please feel free to use the site to practise any skills. The children will also receive multiplication homework, beginning the 13th September, allowing them to work their way through the multiplication tests so they will know all their times tables by leaving year 4. Miss Hurn will set up one lunchtime every two weeks for children who have not completed their mymaths homework or do not have access to a device to complete it.

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Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 1



Thursday 7th November-Love2lunch

Wednesday 20th November- Trip to Rockingham forest/East Carlton Park.

Friday 22nd November- Flu immunisations

Monday 2nd December- Oak class parent day

Thursday 5th December- Dress as your hero day

Thursday 5th December- Oak class ukulele assembly (10:15am start)

Friday 6th December- Advent service in school 2:15pm

Wednesday 11th December- Oak class worship

Friday 20th December- Christingle service in church

Friday 20th December-School closes for Christmas holidays

