



# Oak Class



## Spring 2 2019

### Welcome Back

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year already! I hope you all had a restful break and were able to enjoy the sunny weather.

The children have settled back into school quickly and have been happily sharing stories of their half-term week.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see me either at the start or the end of the school day.

### Learning Journey

**This term our topic is Iraq!**

This half term Oak Class will begin our study of Iraq. We will be learning about Ancient Mesopotamia and the amazing achievements of the time. Children will discover the earliest known form of writing and will create messages in cuneiform script.

Baghdad will be the focus of much of our history and geography work. We will find out how and why the city was created, and will look at the many changes it has experienced the centuries. The children will learn about the House of Wisdom and the important work that was completed there.



### Literacy

Oak Class will practice using creative language by writing poetry based upon *It's Raining Pigs and Noodles* by Jack Prelutsky. We will then move on to writing non-fiction texts, focussing on producing non-chronological reports.

We have an exciting range of book-related activities planned for World Book Day on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait to see who will arrive at the classroom door that morning!

### Love Reading

The children are rising to the challenge of our 5 times a week reading! Oak Class won the trophy several times last term and I hope we can continue our winning streak! It would be lovely to be the first class to achieve 100% reading success. Please try to encourage your child to read every day, and write a quick note in their reading records.

We will be continuing our study of Iraq during our Reading Pledge time with *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights*. Children will be enjoying tales such as *Scheherazade*, *Sinbad the Sailor*, *Aladdin's Wonderful Lamp*, and *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*.

**CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK**

## PE

PE will continue to take place each week on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. The children are all benefitting from the approach used in Real PE and are learning how to challenge themselves and improve their techniques. They are also practising coaching skills by supporting and encouraging their friends.

Please make sure that the children have a named PE kit in school at all times so they can join in with the lessons. We try to have PE outside whenever the weather allows, so please include some warm clothing. Children need to have PE footwear in their kit too, as shoes are worn for both indoor and outdoor lessons.

## Numeracy

Numeracy in Oak Class will follow the White Rose scheme of learning, which focusses on developing mastery of each mathematical area.

This term, our first unit will look at length and perimeter, and will involve lots of practical investigation and using data. We will then begin to look at fractions, using lots of mathematical resources to ensure that children gain complete understanding of each small step.

We will also be practising our multiplication tables daily during our maths lessons. Knowing the tables is an essential skill that will help the children in all areas of mathematics. It would be great if you could support the children's learning by practising these at home and ensuring your child completes their multiplication homework.

## Behaviour & Reward

The children have made a great start to the half term and have already been collecting house points for their teams. I have been noticing many children putting a huge amount of effort into their work and have been pleased to reward this by moving children up the ladder and on to the stars. It is getting increasingly difficult to choose a star of the week!



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## Dates for the diary

### Spring Term 2

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Non uniform day - £1 donation

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

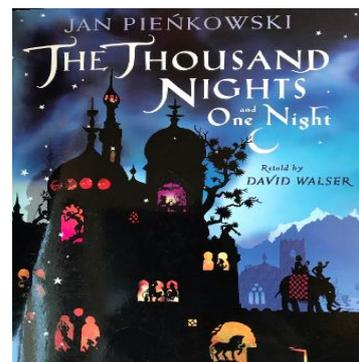
World Book Day

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Oak Class parents' day

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Celebration TBC



# Homework

Children will receive a spelling list this Friday which will show all of the words I would like the children to practise spelling this term. Multiplication homework will also be sent home soon.

My Maths will continue to be set every Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday. Please encourage your child to complete this independently so that I can spot any areas that need further support.

In addition, I will soon send home a sheet with **optional** creative homework. This is intended to give ideas and inspiration for work that your child might like to do at home, and will support their learning in class. However, do not be limited by my suggestions! Any work linked to our class topics would be welcome, and we would love it if your child brought their creations to school so that we can all enjoy them.

## Art

Oak Class have been busy creating amazing works of art and have shown themselves to be eager and talented artists! I have been particularly impressed with the work the children did on our values day. They used water colour paints and paper crafts to create beautiful collages inspired by the theme of forgiveness.

This term, we will be creating art based upon our new theme, with lots of Middle Eastern influences.



## Collective Worship

**Mon – Class** Singing Worship **Tues/Wed – Whole School** 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/Head teacher's Award?