

Oak Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2024

What a successful first half term returning to school. Everyone has come back with a positive attitude and we are looking forward to starting the second part of the autumn term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th October- School opens

Monday 18th November- Talk with the Fire Service

Wednesday 11th December- pantomime trip- Sleeping Beauty.

Curriculum News

English

We will finish off *Stay Where You Are Then Leave*; I know a lot of you cannot wait to find out about the ending! (I hope you have not been reading the remaining chapters in half term- spoiler alert).

Then we will be studying a fabulous book called 'Friend Or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. The novel is about two boys, David and Tucky, who are evacuated from blitzed London to the countryside during World War II. They settle down to their new lives but when they are the only witnesses to a damaged German bomber flying low over the moors, they are drawn into an adventure and face a moral dilemma. The book will be the inspiration for us to debate the issues the boys face and also to write balanced arguments, diaries and letters in role.

Spellings

Children will be given a new spelling list every Monday. Children will be expected to practise the spellings both in school and at home ready for the test every Friday.

In our **SPAG** (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lessons, we will:

- To practice using semi colons;
- To understand the active and passive voice;
- To change direct speech to reported speech;
- To use modal verbs.

Maths

Our Maths topics for this half term include:

Fractions

- Converting to common denominators before comparing and ordering;
- Adding, subtracting;
- Multiplying and dividing.

Decimals

- Multiplying and dividing.

During each topic, there will be opportunities to apply learning to problem solving.

Science

Our Science topic is Electricity and our studies will include:

- Researching how to use electricity safely.
- Investigating the work of scientists who have developed the use of electricity over time.
- Exploring what circuits need to work and using symbols to draw circuit diagrams.
- Investigating scientific vocabulary, such as the difference between 'cell' and 'battery' and between 'current' and 'voltage'
- Undertaking practical investigations to follow lines in enquiry.

RE

This half term's topic is 'Celebrating the Eucharist'. The aim of this unit is to develop a greater understanding of the Eucharist and the deeper meaning of the symbolism and reason for the celebration.

PSHE

We will be focusing on the topic of 'Valuing Difference' and our studies will include:

- OK to be different;
- We have more in common than not;
- Respecting differences;
- Tolerance and respect for others;
- Advertising friendships;
- Boys will be boys? - challenging gender stereotypes.

Topic

Our first cross curricular topic is still 'What Was It Like For Children During The War?'. Once we have finished World War 1, we will then turn our attention to World War II and investigate:

- What happened at the end of World War I and why is Remembrance Sunday so important?
- Why did World War II begin?
- What was The Blitz and how did people try to protect themselves?
- Why was rationing required and what was the Dig For Victory campaign?
- Who were Sir Winston Churchill and Anne Frank?
- What happened at the end of World War II?

P.E.

I am delighted that our team of professional coaches will be leading Oak Class's PE lesson every Thursday morning and the Year 6 teaching team will lead the PE lesson every Monday morning.

Children will get changed for PE at school, no football kits allowed. For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back for PE and earrings either removed or taped over for safety (tape is supplied by school). Take into account the weather conditions.

Do not forget to check out the school's Twitter page for regular updates and information.

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Mr. Beck, Mrs Newby and Mrs Nuttall.