

Oak Class Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Thank you for all your kind gifts, cards and messages over the Christmas period. Please find below some information which you will hopefully find useful during the next half term.

Important Dates

- * Monday 9th January- The term begins.
- * Monday 16th January- height and weight check
- * Wednesday 18th January- Science show with Adrien Bowman.
- * Monday 23rd January- Working with Breaking Barriers- exploring child criminal exploitation.
- * Wednesday 25th January- Year 6 class assembly. 9am.
- * Friday 17th February: Last day of the spring 1 half term.

Curriculum News

English

We will finish off Friend or Foe; I know a lot of you cannot wait to find out about the ending! (I hope you have not been reading the remaining chapters over Christmas- spoiler alert). We will be studying 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. The novel is about Danny, who thinks the world of his widowed father and is completely amazed to discover that his good, kind and clever father is actually a law-breaker! Together, they hope to pull off the most daring plan ever, and to exact revenge against the appalling Mr Hazell! The book will be the inspiration for us to write newspaper reports, diaries, instructions, summaries and recounts.

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 use modal verbs;
- To understand the different verb tenses (past, present and future).
- To identify the main and subordinate clauses.
- To look at the different sentence types.

Maths

Our Maths topics for this half term include:

Measurement

- Converting units of length, time, volume and mass.

Word problems

- Four operations.

Percentages

- Find the percentage of a number.
 - Find the percentage of a quantity.
 - Using percentages to compare.
- During each topic, there will be opportunities to apply learning to problem solving.

Science

In science we will finish off light and then we will be focusing on 'Our Bodies'.

- The heart and what it does.
- The function of the heart and three different types of blood vessels.
- The heart during exercise.
- Balanced diet.
- The effects of an unhealthy lifestyle.

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. We will then move on to 'Who was Jesus?'

PSHE

We will be focusing on the topic of 'Keeping Myself Safe' and our studies will include:

- Think before you click!
- Traffic lights
- To share or not to share?
- Rat Park
- What sort of drug is...?
- Drugs: it's the law!
- Alcohol: what is normal?

Topic

We will finish of our topic on World War 2. Then we will be learning about 'Why do People Visit The Mediterranean?' Below is an overview of the topic.

- What do I already know about the Mediterranean?
- Where is the Mediterranean?
- Why do Mediterranean countries have a warmer climate than we do?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a Mediterranean country?
- Which fruits and vegetables are produced in the Mediterranean?
- How would you go about attracting someone to visit the Mediterranean?

P.E.

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Monday will be football with Mr. Beck, Mrs Grundy and Mrs Chester on Monday. Tuesday will be hockey with a specialist sport coach from Ed Start.

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.

Homework

Your child will be given two homework books and two pieces of homework will be set every Monday and they will need to return it the following Monday. Your child should be reading every night for fifteen minutes and their library book will be changed every Wednesday. Remember to practise your spellings for the test on Friday.

Last Words

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to ask the office to arrange to speak with myself or anyone from the Oak team should you have any questions or concerns.

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

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Kind regards,

Mr Beck, Mrs Grundy, Mrs Chester.