

Oak Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2022

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer's rest and you are ready to come back into school full of energy ready for the start of Year 6. I am excited to get to know you all!

School Day Reminders

- * The school day for Oak Class begins at 8:50 am and ends at 3:30 pm.
- * PE is on Wednesday and Thursday: Your child will get changed at school. Please dress appropriately for the weather, no football kits.

Dates for Your Diary

- * **Monday 5th September:** Autumn 1 half term begins.
- * **Friday 21st October:** Last day of Autumn 1 half term.
- * **Tuesday 1st November:** Autumn 2 half term begins.
- * **Friday 2nd December:** Home Learning Challenges to be handed in.

Please find below some information which you will hopefully find useful during the first half of the autumn term: please look at the Oak Class page on the school website for more details about the curriculum.

English

The first book that we will read will link to the World War 1 topic and it is called 'Stay Where You Are Then Leave' by John Boyne. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this over the summer holidays and can't wait to share it with you. The book will be the inspiration for us to write diaries, letters in role, recounts of events and descriptions.

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 practise writing and identifying complex sentences.
- To practise using dashes.
- To practise using semi colons.
- To practise using colons.

Maths

Our Maths topics for this half term include:

- place value (whole numbers up to ten million); order of operations;
- multiplication and division (by one and two digit numbers);
- identifying prime numbers; and finding common multiples and factors.

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

Science

Our first 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 'Life as a Journey'.

The aim of this unit is to: give children an opportunity to ponder on the thought that life is a journey and what it means to make that journey as a Christian and to begin to understand the concept of undertaking a religious pilgrimage.

PSHE

We will be focusing on the topic of '**Me and My Relationships**'.

- Working together
- Let's negotiate
- Solve the friendship problem
- Assertiveness skills (formerly Behave yourself - 2)
- Behave yourself
- Dan's day
- Don't force me
- Acting appropriately
- It's a puzzle

Topic

Our first cross curricular topic is 'What Was It Like For Children In The Wars? World War I will be studied before half term and World War II in Autumn 2, which dovetails neatly with the texts to be studied during English lessons. To enrich our studies, we have booked a trip to Tatton Park; look out for further information which will be sent home soon! Our first set of Home Learning Challenges (which will include Challenges relating to both World Wars) will be sent home by the end of Week one and is due to be returned to school by Friday 2nd December.

P.E.

I am delighted that our team of professional coaches will be leading Oak Class's PE lesson every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

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). Consider the weather conditions.

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 and Mrs Chester.