



Curriculum Newsletter - Oak Class Autumn 2015

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Here is an outline of the curriculum that the children in Oak Class will be covering this term.

English

In English this term, we will be covering a range of narrative and non-fiction texts.

Fiction - Classic fiction, biographies and auto-biographies.

Non-Fiction - Report and journalistic writing, instructional and explanation texts.

Poetry - Classic poems and The power of imagery - using personification, similes and metaphors for effect.

In spelling, the children will be focusing on suffixes and prefixes. In grammar and punctuation, they will be securing their knowledge of word classes, conjunctions and developing their use of exciting and more complex sentences in their writing.

Maths

This term, we will be reviewing and extending the children's knowledge of the four operations, both written and mental, and applying this to solving real life problems. The children will be working on place value, decimals, positive and negative integers, fractions, ratio and proportion and securing number facts, patterns and relationships. They will be collecting, presenting and interpreting data using graphs and charts. The children will study and refine their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. They will learn about angles and measurement including length, perimeter, mass, area and volume.

Science

In Science this term, the children will be studying Living Things and their Habitats. They will be investigating how animals and plants are grouped and classified according to similarities and differences. They will study how animals are adapted to different habitats. After half term, the children will be learning about animals including humans: the circulatory system (heart and blood vessels) and respiration (lungs) and the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on our bodies.

Computing

This term, the children will be using the internet to research information and databases. They will be publishing newspaper articles and reports using Word and Publisher and making video news reports alongside our journalistic work. In maths, they will be solving problems using data collected using ICT. The children will learning about spreadsheets, data logging and data analysis.

PE (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

In PE this term, the children will be developing their sporting skills through the invasion games of hockey and tag rugby. Throughout the term, they will be practicing and developing their understanding of dance movements.

RE

In RE this term, the children will be learning about and understanding the significance of the features of the Church. The children will also be contributing to the Harvest Festival service in the Church and will be learning traditional Christmas Carols.

Geography

Our topic in Key Stage 2 this term is Holidays. The children will be learning to locate the continents, oceans, rivers and mountain ranges. They will learn about grid references and the significance of longitude and latitude. The children will be studying, comparing and contrasting locations in the UK, Europe and the rest of the World.

Art

In art, the children will be studying landscapes around the World by various famous artists and how these scenes are depicted in different ways. They will be developing their sketching and painting skills and producing their own landscapes.

Music

This term, we will be learning about note values, we will be composing and performing our own rhythm patterns. We will be looking at the instruments of the orchestra and appraising a variety of pieces of music.

Design and Technology

In D&T this term we will be looking at different foods around the World. The children will investigate different components of various foods and they will be developing their measuring, cutting and combining and evaluating skills when designing and making food.

French

Firstly we will be revising numbers from 1-20, simple greetings and phrases. Then the children will be learning how to say the alphabet in French using a variety of songs, activities and games. They will also be learning how to give simple directions to places in the immediate locality.

PSHE

This term we are looking at new beginnings and developing our teamwork skills. The children will be looking at the impact of diet and exercise on our bodies. We will be dealing with issues such as Bullying and Road Safety during our Bikeability week.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Children will also be given their reading journal on a Wednesday to complete for the following Tuesday. The children are expected to read at least four times a week. Please make sure that this is recorded in their reading diaries. Spellings will be given to the children to practice in school each week in preparation for their test on a Friday.

Hints to Help Your Child

- Provide a clear and quiet working space for homework.
- Allow time for homework to be completed to a **good** standard.
- Encourage your child to read every day.
- Encourage your child to organize their homework themselves and make sure they bring in their books/PE kit on the correct days.
- Homework diaries need to be with them every day for organizational purposes.

In Year 6 we are encouraging the children to become responsible for themselves (and their work) and organised so that they are ready to go up to High School next September.