



Oak Class - Curriculum Overview

Summer 1 (2022) - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

English

Our English learning will be made up of a combination of grammar, spelling, reading, handwriting and composition work.

This half term, in our guided reading lessons, we will be examining a range of short extracts to develop our reading fluency and our ability to retrieve key information and make inferences. Our specific focus will be looking at how to make a point, provide evidence and explain it (PEE).

Our writing will focus on the narrative poem, 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will use a model text to help explore character through levels of formality and shifting perspective. As always, our TfW units will start by learning an oral story, developing a toolkit, boxing up a model and then innovating our own examples which will be based on changing perspectives from a familiar story.

Art and Design

Can ugly ever be beautiful?

This question will focus on understanding the role of portraiture in historical and contemporary contexts. We will examine the techniques used by a range of artists and look at understanding the anatomy of the face. Printing, will be the specific medium we will explore to create our own self-portraits.

PSHE

This half term, we will be developing our understanding of healthier and safer lifestyles by looking at drug education. This will involve reviewing what we know about medicines, alcohol, nicotine, solvents and illegal drugs and how they affect people who use them and others.

Science

Can a heart be broken?

We will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way bodies function.

Home Help

Support your child by talking to them about their learning in school. Please read and discuss texts with your child as regularly as possible. Every Thursday, reading records are checked and there is a spelling test each Monday (pre-test) and Friday (post-learning).

History

Does the punishment always fit the crime?

Investigating this BIG question will focus on learning about crime and punishment through the ages including the Roman, Anglo Saxon, Tudor and Victorian periods. Our learning will involve comparing historical to modern day crime and punishment, focusing on similarities and differences and evaluating historical sources.

Religious Education

Religion: Islam

Theme: Beliefs and Moral Values

Key Question: Does belief in Akhiraah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

Mathematics

Our maths topics this half term will include:

Ratio – we will examine the language of ratio and develop an understanding of calculating scale factors.

Statistics – We will focus on the reading, interpreting and drawing of line graphs and pie charts. Our science focus will provide the context for the data collection.

Geometry – This unit will build on the reading and drawing of different angles and move through drawing shapes and nets accurately.

In addition, we will continue to develop and refine our core arithmetic skills and extend our problem-solving skills in a variety of contexts.

Computing

We will look at consolidating core communication skills and developing our understanding of how to develop a successful presentation using PowerPoint. The material for our presentations will develop from other curriculum areas so be prepared to learn a lot about the circulatory system and historic crimes and punishments!

Physical Education

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, we will have our sessions with Active Sports.

Please ensure appropriate outdoor PE kits are in school and that earrings are removed on these days.