Autumn term Newsletter

November 2026

Meet the Team

- **Miss Cleary –** Class Teacher (all week)
- **Mrs Lewis –** Teaching Assistant (daily)
- **Miss Butterworth** - Teaching Assistant (daily)

Welcome back to all our Oak Class children and families! 🍂🌳

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting Autumn 2. As we return to school, we are looking forward to a new half term filled with learning, creativity, fun and new experiences.

This term brings lots of exciting opportunities for the children to continue growing in confidence, developing their independence, building friendships and making fantastic progress in their learning. We can't wait to hear about everyone's half-term adventures and start creating more happy memories together.

Here's to a fantastic Autumn 2 in Oak Class!

Supporting Learning at Home

You can support your child by:

Talking about their day

Listening to them read

Encouraging completion of homework

Reading together is especially important as it supports fluency, confidence, and understanding across all areas of learning. We understand how busy school days can be, so even 1–2 pages a night makes a big difference.

Keeping in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns, **please speak to me directly** so we can arrange a meeting if needed. This helps us stay up to date and support your child effectively within the classroom.

You can also contact us via Class Dojo or email:

📧 ***dcleary@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk***

For urgent messages or attendance matters, please contact the school office directly.

Maths

This half term, we'll continue building our confidence with addition and subtraction while also discovering the wonderful world of 2D and 3D shapes. Through practical activities, games and problem-solving, children will develop their skills in a fun and engaging way.

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English

This half term, our English learning is based on A Meerkat Christmas, using the Jane Considine Write Stuff approach. Children will explore the story through exciting, vocabulary-rich lessons, developing their creativity, sentence writing and storytelling skills. To finish the unit, they will apply everything they have learned to write their own Christmas postcard inspired by the text. Alongside this, we will continue to develop reading fluency, comprehension, spelling and grammar through daily reading, SPaG and phonics sessions.

Science

This half term, children will learn about the human body and staying healthy. They will explore how exercise, a healthy diet and good hygiene help us to grow, stay well and look after our bodies. Through practical activities and investigations, children will develop their understanding of how their bodies work

RE

This half term, children will learn about the Good News of Jesus' birth through the Nativity story. They will explore why Christmas is important to Christians and reflect on the messages of joy, hope and celebration that the story brings.

DT

This half term, children will become young chefs as they design and make a healthy pizza for Santa. They will learn about healthy ingredients, food preparation and evaluating their final product before creating their own festive pizza.

History

This half term, children will explore the history of our school, discovering how school life has changed over time. They will investigate photographs, artefacts and memories from the past to compare schooling then and now.

Computing

This half term, children will develop their digital creativity by creating pictures using technology before applying their skills to design and create their own digital Christmas card. They will learn how to use a range of digital tools safely and effectively.

PSHE

This half term, children will explore Valuing Difference, learning about kindness, respect, inclusion and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

PE

This half term, children will enjoy learning Dance and Striking and Fielding, developing their movement, coordination and teamwork skills. PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

Worship

This half term, our worship and reflection time will explore Picture News, school values, British Values and Bible stories. Through whole-school and class worship, children will discuss current events, reflect on important messages and develop their understanding of the values that help us to be positive members of our school and wider community. The VIP Award continues to be presented during Friday's celebration assembly to recognise children who demonstrate our school values and the VIP goal of the week.

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- **Reading books will be changed every day as long as your child puts their book and reading record in the red reading box. If it is not in the red box, the book will not be checked and therefore will not be changed.**
- Please ensure your child brings a bag or folder daily for letters, books, and homework. This helps prevent items being misplaced and allows us to change books regularly.
- Please try to complete lunch forms by 6pm on Sundays to ensure your child receives their chosen meal.
- Arriving on time helps children settle calmly and ensures they do not miss important learning at the start of the day.
- If your child is unwell or absent, please inform the school office as early as possible on the day of absence.
- Class Dojo is a helpful way to share updates; however, messages sent to myself or Mrs Lewis will not be checked during the school day. Unless a message is urgent, these will be responded to at the end of the day or at the beginning of the next school day. For urgent matters, please contact the school office directly.
- If your child brings a snack to school, please ensure it is a healthy snack in line with school policy.