



Spring term Newsletter

January 2026



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year and a new term in 2026! We hope you all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We are really looking forward to an exciting, busy, and positive term full of learning, creativity, and growth 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.

Meet the Team

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

**Mrs Lewis will also be
teaching some
foundation subjects
this term.**

English

This term, our English focus will be persuasive writing, based on the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Children will explore characters' viewpoints, develop persuasive language, and write their own letters using the story as inspiration.

We will also have one dedicated reading lesson each week to support comprehension, fluency, and enjoyment of texts.

Maths

This term in maths, children will be learning about shape, multiplication, and division. They will explore 2D and 3D shapes, describing their properties and comparing them. Children will also begin to develop their understanding of multiplication and division through practical activities, grouping, sharing, and using concrete resources to support learning. These sessions will focus on building strong mathematical foundations, reasoning skills, and confidence when explaining their thinking.

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- Year 1 children will be working at Phase 4 phonics, consolidating blending, segmenting, and spelling words with adjacent consonants.
 - Year 2 children will take part in SPaG lessons, focusing on grammar, punctuation, and spelling skills appropriate to their age and stage.
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- There will also be a weekly core Phonics/SPaG lesson for the whole class to support consistency, reinforce key skills, and revisit prior learning.

Science

Our Science topic this term is Seasonal Changes and Plants. Children will explore how the seasons change and how plants grow, including identifying parts of plants and understanding what they need to survive.

RE

In RE, children will be learning about Islam. They will explore key beliefs, practices, and celebrations, developing understanding and respect for different religions.

Art

Art this term will be Digital Media, taught by Mrs Lewis. Children will explore creating images using digital tools, developing creativity and basic digital skills.

Geography

Geography will focus on the United Kingdom and Africa, comparing London and Cape Town. This unit will be taught by Mrs Lewis and will develop map skills, geographical vocabulary, and understanding of similarities and differences between places.

Music

Music lessons will focus on listening to and identifying different instruments, also taught by Mrs Lewis. Children will explore sounds, instruments, and how music makes us feel.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will be learning about keeping safe, including understanding risks and making safe choices at school and at home.

PE

PE will take place on Wednesdays
Focus: Team-building skills
No Forest School this term
Please ensure children come to school in PE kit on PE days.

Worship

Worship this term will focus on our school values: Thankfulness and Being Kind.
3 whole-school worships per week
2 class worships per week
Our VIP Award is presented during Friday's celebration assembly to recognise children who demonstrate our values and the VIP goal of the week.



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- Reading books are changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- 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.