

# Spring Term – Oak Class

## Class Welcome

As we draw near to Easter and the close of our second term, I can't believe how quickly the weeks and months are rushing by. Oak Class has had a busy term of learning and growing together. Our new students have settled in well and it seems as if they have always been here.

We have had many special events. The 6<sup>th</sup> form Valentine's party was enjoyed by all. Everyone danced, ate snacks and enjoyed meeting up with friends from other classes.

We also had fun in our World Book Parade and are looking forward to our Easter Bonnet Parade next week.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Jo, Natalie, Ella and Kelly.



## Communication and interaction

This term we have focused on 'First Hippo on the Moon' as our sensory story.

The students have enjoyed touching 'moon dust' and singing 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom.' They used their core-boards to point to the characters and events in the story. This ties in with our massage story. In Phonics students have continued to make great progress across Level 1 and Level 2. In Reading we are using the stage 1 Rhino Readers books that they also have access to at home. We have also continued Shared Reading with Shakespeare Class on a Tuesday.



## Cognition and Learning

In Maths this term we have been working on texture and continuing with our number work. We have also worked in ICT on the interactive board, following counting sequences and cause-and-effect sequences. Our Attention Bucket sessions remain a class favourite, and we have explored lots of new stimuli this term. In Sensology we enjoy exploring our 5 senses, tasting, touching, listening, seeing and smelling.



## Independence, social and emotional development

In Music we have been choosing our favourite songs, practicing tempo and volume, using the stretchy band and finishing off with the parachute. Food tech has been varied and we have enjoyed experimenting with lots of different types of food. We have made sandwiches, fruit jelly cups, In PSHE we have been working on personal care and self-care skills, understanding our emotions, and sharing and being kind to each other.



## Physical and Sensory

In PE this term, we have followed two different topics. Before the February half-term, we worked on the gym apparatus and our climbing and balancing skills. This half-term, we have worked on throwing and catching and different ways to move ourselves. In our sensory circuit sessions we have focused on our gross motor skills and also building our turn-taking and sharing skills. We have also had a variety of sensory experiences in class, exploring ice, 'edible aqua beads' and other media. Oak Class love a messy sensory session!



## Special news and upcoming events

### April:

20–30 Apr Finalise classes for 2026–27  
23 Apr Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)

### June:

8 Jun Publish class staffing for 2026–27 | Parent Coffee Morning (9.30am)  
12 Jun Come and Learn With Me | Year 14 Leavers' Event  
25 Jun Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)  
26 Jun Prom  
W/c 22 Jun Parent Meetings (end of year reports)  
27 Jun PTA School Fete

### July:

3 Jul Sports Day  
9 Jul Come and Learn With Me  
10 Jul Family Picnic  
13 Jul Sixth Form Merit Assembly (2pm)  
14 Jul Upper School Merit Assembly (2pm)  
15 Jul Lower School Merit Assembly (2pm)  
16 Jul PMLD Merit Assembly (2pm)  
17 Jul Family Performance (Harlow Brass Band)