



Oak Newsletter

January 2024

In **Maths** we will be learning formal calculation methods for division and problem solving. Learning our times tables with quick recall really helps with this!

With Mrs Moorhouse we are continuing calculating with fractions multiplying and finding fractions of amounts.

In **English** we will be reading Grimm Tales by Philip Pullman we will read a selection of tales and then create our own Grimm Tale. We will be reading Kasper Prince of Cats and writing our own News reports.

Reading As a class read, we continuing to read 'Toto, The Wizard of Oz' by Michael Morpurgo



We have all embraced reading last half term and made super progress with the reading challenges. We spend time reading daily in class. We will also be practising reading comprehension questions as a whole class.

PE every **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY**. This term children will be working on gymnastics and fitness skills.

Children can bring a waterproof jacket/mac/top if they like for PE days as we will be out whatever the weather!

Remember children need to wear their PE kit on these days.

No logos please, a school hoodie or plain black hoodie should be worn.

Earrings should **not** be worn for any PE session, please help your child stay safe by removing their earrings on a PE day. Children should bring plasters or tape to cover their earrings if they can't take them out.

Uniform

Just as a reminder, school uniform is black school shoes not trainers.

Earrings – only small, plain studs.

No make up!

This half term we have a **History** focus looking at The Ancient Greeks, we will learn how the civilization that flourished over 2500 years ago still influences our lives today.



This half term in **Art** we will be looking at communicating important messages using collage techniques.

In **Computing** we are learning how to use spreadsheets using excel software.

In **PSHE** we are looking at healthy minds learning what mental health is, what can affect mental health and some ways of dealing with this, ways to look after mental health and about the stigma and discrimination that can surround mental health.

Science Our topic this half term is **evolution**, looking at a deeper understanding of adaptation and inheritance in mammals and plants.

RE We will be learning about why some people aim to live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century.

Homework

Maths homework is sent out every Tuesday evening and must be returned to school the following Monday. Times Tables test each Monday – keep encouraging your child to practise and use TT Rockstars. They each have their own login.

English homework is sent out on a Thursday to be returned the following Wednesday. All children will also receive a half termly topic homework where they are required to choose and complete 2 out of the 4 tasks per half term. The children have produced some wonderful work from this last term!

Children should arrive in school for **8.45am** ready to line up at **8:55am** with register at **9:00am**.