



# WELCOME TO OAK CLASS

In Oak Class we aim to grow using the symbolism of an oak tree:

resilience  
honesty  
strength

endurance  
wisdom  
courage

## Spring 1 Newsletter

**Maths** We will continue with a focus on multiplication and then look at division calculating and problem solving. The year 6 will have a weekly session focusing on arithmetic skills.

We will also continue our working with fractions, multiplying, dividing and finding fraction of amounts.

In **English** we will be reading Boy 87 by Ele Fountain. Our writing will focus on developing our grammar skills, to enhance our own writing.

We will also be writing a formal speech and a fairytale from our reading of 'The Princess Blankets' – Carol Ann Duffy's modern fairytale. Our reading will focus on predictions and inference and differences in language and structure.

Children read their class reading book daily in school and should **aim to read this every evening**. Children have comprehension quizzes when they have completed a book to help develop their comprehension skills.

Children also have a regular whole class comprehension lesson focusing on key skills from a range of texts including poetry, play scripts, fiction and non-fiction texts.

**PE** every **MONDAY and WEDNESDAY**. Children need to have a full PE kit in school. This term children will be working on **dance** and **fitness** but we will also be doing some outdoor running on the school track. **Children can bring a waterproof jacket/mac/top if they like for PE days as we will be out whatever the weather!**

**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. Hair should be tied back **every day**.

### RE

We will be considering the question: What matters most to Christians and Humanists?

### Music

This term we will continue practising our songs for young voices.

### Computing

We will be using Power point to replicate how websites are made, creating our own links within an imaginary website.

This half term we have a **History** focus. We will learn about the ancient Islamic civilisation and about how much the west has in common with early Islam and how much we owe to each other

**Art** We will be creating mixed media landscapes, exploring and combining different materials to see what happens and take creative risks



In **PHSCE** we will learn about mental health and emotional wellbeing. We will continue with our weekly discussions on current affairs with Picture News.

### Science



We will be learning about light, discovering how it travels and how we use light to see. We will also be investigating shadows to answer scientific questions.

### 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. Y6 will also have additional SPaG homework in preparation for SATS.

**The expectation is for all children to complete homework and hand it in on time. Please advise if there are any issues with homework via your child's planner.**

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

### Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform: trousers, skirts or school shorts in grey or black with red jumper or cardigan. School shoes should be black and without logos. Earrings – only small, plain studs. **No other jewellery, make-up or nail varnish should be worn.**