

Outstanding Oak Trees



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term, I hope you have had a restful week. For the first part of this half term, Oak Trees will be learning 'Is social media a danger to children?' Over the next few weeks, the children will be exploring both sides of the argument and then debating against each other in class in order to convince Mrs Ray. A small group of children will be selected and invited to represent Leavening School by going to Ryedale on 20th March 2018 and being involved in a debating competition against other schools in North Yorkshire.

During the second part of the half term, the children have helped to choose the topic 'What is the big bang?' They will be exploring the different beliefs about how the world started and what created life on Earth. They will also be investigating the purpose of each planet and what it is made up of, so if anyone has anything they would like to bring in relating to space, we will happily share it in class.

Please let me know if you have any questions, my email is:
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Many thanks,
Mrs Milson

HANDWRITING COMPETITION AT LEAVENING!

AT LEAVENING SCHOOL, WE ALWAYS ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TAKE PRIDE IN ALL THE WORK THAT THEY PRODUCE IN ALL AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM.

ALL THE TEACHING STAFF PROVIDE CLEAR GUIDANCE OF WHAT THE PRESENTATION EXPECTATIONS ARE AND THE CHILDREN ARE REMINDED OF THE NON-NEGOTIABLES REGULARLY, SUCH AS USING A RULER TO CROSS OUT MISTAKES, UNDERLINING DATES AND TITLES WITH A RULER AND CHOOSING TO JOIN THE LETTERS IN WORDS IN THE CORRECT PLACES.

ALL CHILDREN AT LEAVENING SCHOOL WILL BE PARTAKING IN A HANDWRITING COMPETITION THIS WEEK. THEY WILL BE WRITING THEIR POETRY USING THEIR BEST HAND WRITING AND REMEMBERING ALL OF THE SKILLS THEY ARE BEING TAUGHT DAILY.

Spelling Homework

Oak Trees will continue to be given a new spelling pattern to learn every Thursday afternoon. They are expected to search for at least 10 words that have that particular spelling pattern and then write 5 sentences using different punctuation marks, to ensure they understand the meanings of those words too.

It is vital the children check their sentences make sense and that the words are spelt correctly. It is particularly important for them to check they have used the most basic punctuation, but also to try and be more adventurous with other punctuation marks too. Please encourage your child to do this, as this will encourage them to do it in their writing without being reminded in lesson.

Jumble Sale to Raise Money for New Books!

In the summer term, children from Conkers and Oak Trees are going to be organising a jumble sale in order to raise funds to buy a selection of new engaging books of their choice to link to the topics that they've chosen.

If you have any items such as teddies, books, toys, sports equipment, jigsaws etc. that you no longer use, please send them into school. It would be fabulous if the children could raise money, in order to buy themselves high quality texts that are rich in vocabulary. These books will be used in literacy, guided reading sessions and encourage lengthy discussions and questions between the children.

Thank-you in advance- any items to sell will be greatly received.



Langton SATS Club sessions	Leavening SATS Club sessions
Tues 20 th February 2018 Geometry - position & direction, shape	Thursday 22 nd February 2018 Fractions, Decimals & Percentages
Tues 27 th February 2018 Number, Place Value & Arithmetic	Wednesday 28 th February 2018 Reading Comprehension
Tues 6 th March 2018 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	Wednesday 7 th March 2018 Geometry - position & direction, shape
Tues 13 th March 2018 Statistics & Measures	Thursday 15 th March 2018 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
Tues 20 th March 2018 Ratio, Proportion & Algebra	Thursday 22 nd March 2018 Calculation (Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide)
Tues 27 th March 2018 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	Thursday 29 th March 2018 Number, Place Value & Arithmetic
Tues 17 th April 2018 Fractions, Decimals & Percentages	Thursday 19 th April 2018 Statistics & Measures
Tues 24 th April 2018 Calculation (Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide)	Thursday 26 th April 2018 Reading Comprehension
Tues 1 st May 2018 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	Thursday 3 rd May 2018 Ratio, Proportion & Algebra
Tues 8 th May 2018 Number, Place Value & Arithmetic	Thursday 10 th May 2018 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

Year 6 SATS Club

The SATS club sessions will continue at Langton School and Leavening School from 3:15pm till 4:15pm. Well done to all the year 6s who have taken part already.

SATS week will be 14th May – 17th May in the mornings. We want the children to feel as relaxed as possible leading up to SATS week, so we will try to make the revision as fun as possible, and we'll continue to provide a creative enriched curriculum throughout the term, including art, Forest Schools, PE and science.

World book day!

On Thursday 1st March, children will be invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character, and to bring in the book that their character is in.

Throughout the day, children will be partaking in different activities relating to books and famous authors, they will share their thoughts about books they have read and explain which books they would recommend to their friends and why. It is always an enjoyable day for the children.

Forest School clothing and footwear

The first session of Forest Schools will be on Monday 26th February 2018. The field is still muddy particularly with all this wet and frosty weather, so it is vital that children have the correct clothing and footwear. Everyone will be joining in the forest school session, as it is part of our creative curriculum, and it would be a shame for children's uniform to get muddy.

If anyone has any spare wellies, trousers, jumpers or coats that they no longer use, please send them into school. We are always short of clothing and wellies particularly for older children. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Spring term 2 February-March 2018

Dates for your diary this half term!

- 28.2.18- Book Day at Leavening with Langton children
- 1.3.18- World Book Day- children to dress up as favourite book character (Stories from around the world)
- 13.3.18- Year 5 Taster day at Norton College
- 20.3.18- Debating competition for Ryedale
- 23.3.18- Mrs Milson out (Mrs Marshall teaching am)
- 29.3.18- Break up for Easter half term
- 16.4.18- Training day
- 17.4.18- Children return back to school
- 18.4.18- Year 3, 4 and 5 start swimming at Pickering

INTRODUCING

2018's
£1 BOOKS



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Mathematics

We are really focussing on reading questions carefully and solving two step word problems in different ways. We will be looking at word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with whole numbers, decimals and fractions. The children will also be practising more of their reasoning skills and proving their method is correct. The year 6 children will be solving algebraic equations and finding the unknown values of shapes and letters. They will also be using two equations with a mixture of numbers and letters, to get the letters on one side of the equals sign and the numbers on the other side, in order to make them balanced and find the value of x.

Literacy

Oak Trees will be designing an information poster for children to inform them how to stay safe when using different internet websites and social media sites. They will then write a formal letter to other parents discussing both the positive and negative points about using social media and the importance of parental controls and communication with children. Finally, they will then write a formally written balanced argument discussing all the points for and against that they have researched.

Is social media a danger to children/ What is the big bang?

Music and French

In French, Mrs Stockill will be teaching animals, adjectives and learning to write an informative postcard. In music Oak Trees will be exploring rhythm, pulse, ostinato, melody and rondo form writing a composition based on fruit and vegetables. Mrs Stockill will continue to do a choir practice 12:30-12:55 on a Friday. French and music 10:50am-12:10pm every week. Some year 6 children will be having extra maths, reading and grammar, spelling and punctuation revision boosters during this time.

Physical Education

Year 5 and 6 children will continue to have a full afternoon of PE with Mr Clark every Friday. He will continue to do football club 12:30pm-1:00pm on a Friday lunch time as normal.

Art/Design Technology

This half term, children will be drawing the different planets. They will be using a range of media such as wax crayons, water colours, felt tips and cross hatch using pencil crayons to show exactly the same image in a variety of ways.

Oak Trees will also recreate the planets, sun and moon using balloons, papier Mache and paint to show the correct sizes and colours. They will also use them to demonstrate the rotations and orbits that the Earth, sun and moon are involved in.

Forest Schools/ Drama

The children this half term will be starting Forest Schools again on a Tuesday. Children will be using drama outside to teach their audience the possible dangers of using social media and the ways that children can keep themselves safe.

They will re-enact a traditional tale such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood, to demonstrate the importance of not sharing personal details and share it with the whole class.

Science

In Science, Oak Trees will be investigating how scientists believe the world started and what caused the 'big bang'. They will be learning about the order of the planets in space, what they are all made up of and what the universe consists of.