

Outstanding Oak Trees



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope you have had a lovely break. It's another busy half term and we have loads of exciting activities planned for the children. Our topic this half term is 'Who were the Vikings?' Children will be using iPads, laptops and books to research what life used to be like for the Vikings, what clothes they wore and what jobs people had. Also the children will be exploring which countries the Vikings came from and why they decided to come to Britain. They will be creating shields and longboats, so if you have any spare cereal boxes or other cardboard packaging, please send it into school.

Please let me know if you have any questions, my email is jskelton@leaving.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Many thanks,
Miss Skelton

Loving the Library

We are trying to encourage children to read more so they will develop a love for reading, which will stretch their imagination and allow them to experience a wider range of vocabulary. On a Thursday afternoon, Oak Trees will have the opportunity to choose any book from the school library in the Learning Zone, take it home to read and bring it back to swap for another book the following Thursday.

A HUGE THANK-YOU!

THANK-YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF SEEDS AND MONEY. THIS HALF TERM, YOUR CHILD WILL BE CREATING PLANT ARRANGEMENTS AND ORNAMENTS TO IMPROVE OUR FOREST SCHOOL AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE OLD WELLIES, GARDENING TOOLS OF ANY KIND, GLASS JAM JARS OR LARGE PLASTIC TUBS, PLEASE SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.

Spelling, Reading and Maths Homework

Your child will continue getting spelling homework on a Thursday afternoon, due in for the following Thursday. May I remind you, once your child has found a variety of words that have that particular spelling pattern, they will need to write a minimum of 5 sentences with the correct punctuation. Our aim is to create the most exciting and interesting sentences using all the skills we have learnt so far such as, adverbials, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and parenthesis. Children are often missing the punctuation in their sentences, so it is vital that they check through their writing when they think they have finished it.

Children must bring their spelling/homework book to school every Thursday so that their work can be marked and so they can write their new homework in immediately to avoid it getting lost. On a Thursday morning, if your child does not have their spelling book with their homework fully completed, they will have to complete it during their morning playtime.

Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week, and ask them questions about what they have read to make sure they have understood what they have read. We will also continue to test your child with their times tables because, they need to be confident at recalling all their times tables up to 12 x 12 within 3 seconds.

URGENT REMINDER- Please Bring a Water Bottle

Every lunch time, every child is part of a club either yoga, multi skills, art, football etc. Many of these activities involve exercising which is why it is essentially important that everyone brings a plastic bottle to school every day.

There are many children in Oak Trees that still don't have a water bottle in school. This is just a reminder asking you to please bring them in, so we can encourage your child to have a drink regularly throughout the day, so that they can keep hydrated.

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Dates for your diary this term!

- 1.3.17- 3:20pm London parents meeting
 - 2.3.17- Miss Skelton out (Mrs Mitchell teaching)
 - 3.3.17- Miss Skelton out (Mrs Mitchell teaching am)
 - 7.3.17- Year 5 Taster Day at Norton College
 - 10.3.17- Miss Skelton out (Mrs Mitchell teaching am)
 - 15.3.17- Mrs Marshall teaching pm
 - 17.3.17- Dads and Lads day
 - 21.3.17- Miss Skelton out (Mrs Mitchell teaching)
 - 24.3.17- Mother's Day Lunch
 - 7.4.17- Break up!
 - 24.4.17- Training day
 - 25.4.17- Back to school
- Year 3, 4 and 5 start swimming at Pickering

Mathematics

This half term, Oak Trees will be learning how to use both the short division method (also known as the bus stop method) and long division method (known as chunking). They will also be learning to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks. They will be solving various word problems that will involve them carrying out multi step calculations such as multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

French

In French on Funky Fridays, KS2 will continue to learn all about fruit, vegetables and also breakfast. As well as this, they will be exploring various ways of asking for things and different amounts and weights.

Music

In music, the children will be exploring various pieces of music which were inspired by or can be linked to the lives of the Vikings. In time, this will lead onto them composing their own piece of programmatic music.

Literacy and History

In Literacy, Oak Trees children will be imagining they are a Viking and writing a diary about the day to day events and feelings that they had to experience. The children will also be writing a newspaper article to report a particular event of their choice that happened during the Viking period, such as a person going missing or a crime taking place.

Also, children will be creating an Acrostic poem using the letters from the Viking alphabet that describes what the Vikings used to witness and feel every day.

Physical Education

This half term, the children in year 3 and 4s will be focussing on the skills needed to play basketball. The children in year 5 and 6 will be learning how to play hockey and tag rugby. Football club will be 12:30-1:00 on a Friday lunch time as normal (weather permitting).

PSHE and SEAL

This half term, the children will be researching about laws that have been brought in and effect different people. They will also learn about people have freedom to do things and say things. Your children will be taught to have an awareness of other people who are less fortunate than them and also what is happening to our environment e.g. through global warming.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating the circulatory system, the effect that exercise has on the heart rate and how our diet and exercise impacts on our health. We will also be researching states of matter and finding out which materials are the best insulators, and the effects that different factors have on the speed of evaporation and melting.

Art and Design Technology

Oak Trees children will be using cardboard and papier Mache to design and create their own shields that the Vikings used to use. They will also be moulding and painting their own longboats that the Vikings used to travel in, using clay, water and cutting tools.

Computing

The children will be learning how to programme a B-bot and giving it a set of instructions so that it travels from A to B. They will also be recognising what happens when the algorithm isn't quite correct, and what they need to do to make it more accurate.

Who were
the Vikings?