

Oak Trees Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear families,

What a fantastic first term! I hope you have all enjoyed the break and are ready for this term running up to Christmas!

The new term sees the **launch** of our new topic '**What a performance**' where we will be showcasing the skills and specialities in our very own **Leavening has got talent, Friday 10th November** ! Our **landing** of the topic will be a trip to the **pantomime**, more information to follow.

Homework will be set termly based on the Topic Knowledge Organisers, as before. This homework will be celebrated in class near the end of term (date to follow). Thank you for your support with this. We had fabulous effort last term and I am so excited to see you get creative this term!

If you have any questions, please do send a message to the school office or on class dojo!

Thank you!

Times tables and spelling homework

Children will be sent home with new **spellings** to learn each week for their test on a **Friday**. They will bring their red spelling book home with their new spellings stuck in (on Friday) and you will be able to see their scores from the tests in the back. Please encourage your children to practise any incorrect spellings!

We will be taking a new approach to times tables this term, more information to follow! The “little and often” approach really helps to secure and embed their knowledge/recall!

Maths Homework:

Each time your child completes a unit of work in Maths, they will bring a consolidation booklet home to practise the skills they have acquired. There will be a hand-in date on the booklet.

Reading

In class, children can choose a book from the class library to read for pleasure. They also have a reading book to read with an adult which is matched to their reading level. Please read with your child at least three times a week to boost confidence and support progress with their reading skills.

Water bottles/snacks

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school on a daily basis. Children are able to bring a healthy snack for breaktime - please fruit/veg only.

PE

We expect children to be coming to school in their PE kit on Thursday. Please can you ensure this is in line with our uniform policy.

Dates for the diary

Monday 13th Nov - Wear odd socks day!

Monday 13th Nov - Extra curricular clubs start this week

For more dates keep up with our newsletter!

Curriculum coverage for this half term

the following list outlines the area of the curriculum we will be studying for each subject. KO indicates that there is a knowledge organiser for this topic, where you can find additional details about the key information the children will be learning:

Maths: Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions... and more!

English: Story setting writing, instructions, writing riddles

Science: Electricity

Computing: Audio production and web page creation

Geography: A trip around Europe

PSHE: Celebrating differences

Art: Pablo Picasso

PE: Gymnastics and dance

RE: Christian beliefs / humanistic approach

Music: Singing

French: Family members, the French alphabet, months and colours



English:

In English we will be writing riddle poetry!

We will also be working on setting descriptions to write stories.

Our non-fiction will focus on writing clear and detailed instructions.

Geography:

As geographers we will be exploring our topic of 'Exploring Eastern Europe' where we will be 'flying' around the world to compare the differences and similarities between the UK and different Eastern European countries. We will be practising and improving our knowledge of continents, countries and cities and working towards writing holiday brochures encouraging people to take a trip to a different country!

Science:

In science we will be learning all about electricity, circuits and how it is used!

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Years 3 and 4

Children will explore the concepts of:

Which appliances run on electricity?

What is a circuit?

What is a series circuit?

What are conductors and insulators?

What is the function of a switch in a circuit?

Years 5 and 6

Children will explore the concepts of:

What are the major discoveries in the field of electricity?

How are symbols used in a circuit and what are they?

What is voltage?

What are some reasons for variations in how electricity components function?

Computing:

Our computing topic this term will first recap our online safety skills as a class. Year 3 and 4 will then focus on their topic 'Audio production' and year 5 and 6 will be focusing on 'Web page creation'.

Years 3 and 4

Children will explore the concepts of:

How can sound be recorded?

How can audio recordings be edited?

How can a podcast be created?

Can we combine audios?

How can we improve digital recordings?

Years 5 and 6

Children will explore the concepts of:

How is a website structured?

What is copyright?

Why do we need to preview pages when creating a website page?

What is a navigation path?

Can we link content owned by other people?

Personal, Social, Health Education

In Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) we will be learning about 'Celebrating Differences'.

Years 3 and 4

Children will explore:

- Families and their differences
- Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred)
- Witnessing bullying and how to solve it
- Recognising how words can be hurtful
- Giving and receiving compliments

Years 5 and 6

Children will explore:

- Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict
- Racism Rumours and name-calling
- Types of bullying
- Material wealth and happiness
- Enjoying and respecting other cultures

Picture news

Each week we will learn about the British Values of:

Mutual respect and tolerance

Individual liberty

democracy

Rule of law

Through exploring the weekly news and learning about relevant local, national and international issues. This is our 'Picture News' curriculum.

Art and Design

In Art and Design we will be exploring the artist Pablo Picasso and looking at his inspiration for art. We will produce our own self portraits in the style of Picasso exploring tones, texture and colour shading through the medium of paint.

PE

In PE we will be doing gymnastics where the children will be learning the skills of forward and side rolls, vaults and linking movements to perform a sequence.

We will also be learning dance linked to our Science topic of 'Electricity', again performing a sequence of moves based on free style and contemporary dance.

Religious Education (RE)

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about Christian beliefs and the teachings of Jesus and Year 5 and 6 will be learning about the Humanist approach to religion.



Music:

As musicians we will be preparing the songs for the Christmas nativity and we must also ensure that we prepare the songs for Young Voices and hope that extra practise is completed at home to allow us to give our best ever performance at Sheffield Arena next February!

French:

As French linguists we will be securing our knowledge of family members, the French alphabet, months and colours. We will learn about how to ask for presents and year 5 and 6 will understand how to use future tense, I will... We will also develop our awareness of Christmas traditions in France. Throughout the tasks we will be completing speaking, reading, listening and written activities.