



## Oak Class Newsletter: Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fun and restful half term break and that your children are looking forward to the start of a new term. This term we have lots for the children to learn and enjoy, as usual! Please see the grid below for brief details of each subject.

<p>In <b>English</b>, we will be focusing on journalistic writing, in particular newspaper reports. This learning will link to our 'Cosmic' topic as we find out more about space travel. Later in the term, we will explore poetry and write some Christmas poems. Our class reader continues to be 'The Nowhere Emporium', which the children are really enjoying.</p>	<p>Our <b>maths</b> learning will begin with long division and will then be followed by some work on common factors and multiples, square and cube numbers, and the order of operations. Later in the term, we will move on to fractions and using the four operations with fractions.</p>	<p>In <b>science</b>, we will continue our Earth and Space theme. This exciting topic, named 'Cosmic', is enabling us to learn more about our solar system and our place within it. This term, the children will have time for some independent research, choosing an area of interest such as space travel, space tourism or constellations, to find out more.</p>
<p>In <b>history</b>, we will continue our learning about the Ancient Greeks in our topic, 'Hellenic Heroes'. This term we will find out what life was like for children in Ancient Greece, as well as learning about the famous Trojan War.</p>		<p>Our <b>PSHE</b> unit is called 'Celebrating Difference' and focuses on understanding and celebrating our differences, and discussions around bullying behaviours.</p>
<p>There will be two <b>PE*</b> lessons every week, one of which will be Tag Rugby delivered by Fortius each Monday. The other will be Real PE with me on a Wednesday. Real PE develops the children's physical skills, as well as their personal, health &amp; fitness, social, cognitive &amp; creative abilities.</p>	<p>Our <b>RE</b> learning is based on Christianity this term, answering the key question: <i>Was Jesus the Messiah?</i></p>	<p>Our <b>music</b> unit of learning is called 'At the Movies' and will focus on how music and sound effects are used in movies. It will involve us studying some examples, as well as creating and performing our own music to accompany a movie.</p>
<p>For <b>computing</b>, we will continue with some online safety learning and will then move on to developing our coding skills using Scratch.</p>	<p>In <b>DT</b>, our focus will be on textiles. We will begin with practising various stitching skills, before designing and making an Advent calendar as a class.</p>	<p>In <b>Spanish</b>, our learning will be on colours, days of the week and months of the year, as well as some topical learning related to Bonfire Night and Christmas.</p>

\* Please remember that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue joggers) are required to be in school every day.

On Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings, Oak class will continue to be taught by Mrs Griffin. On a Thursday, it will be DT and science learning, and on a Friday, it will be continuing with our maths learning from the week, as well as completing some handwriting practice and a written reading comprehension activity. Mrs Griffin knows the children incredibly well and so having her cover during these times provides a seamless transition for the children.

This term for home learning, we will continue to prioritise practising spelling, reading and mental maths skills. Children are expected to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars several times each week and read a minimum of three times a week at home (recording this on our online reading diary, GoRead – please let me know if your child has misplaced their login details over the holidays). I will be checking the children's GoRead and Times Tables Rockstars accounts every Monday to see how they are getting on with their reading and maths at home. After Christmas, our home learning will move on to using some study books for English and Maths. More details will follow in a separate letter later this term.

Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning so that they can develop positive home learning habits and independence as they prepare for Year 7 and beyond. If you have any questions or concerns, please do email the school office, or see me before or after school.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Pitman-Jones