Oak Class Newsletter: Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas break and that your children are looking forward to the start of term 3. We have lots for the children to learn and enjoy, as usual! Please see the grid below for brief details of each subject.

In addition, we welcome Miss Barber, a trainee teacher who will be on placement with us from now until Easter. Miss Barber will initially work with small groups of children in lessons and will quickly build up to teaching full lessons, with support and guidance from me. I know you will all make her feel very welcome so please do say, "Hello" when you see her.

In **English**, we will be focusing on narrative writing which will allow us to write some lengthy stories. Firstly, we will be writing adventure, quest stories and then later in the term, the children will have a choice of narrative genre. We will continue our VIPERS reading skills and our new class reader will be Skellig by David Almond.	**Maths** will begin with the continuation of our fractions learning, with us learning how to subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Later in the term, we will move on to decimals and percentages.	In **science**, we begin a new area of learning on living things (animals and plants). This topic will last us two terms and will see us learning about life cycles, how plants reproduce, how living things can be classified, the system used for this, and harmful and helpful microorganisms.
In **Geography**, we will be studying the physical and human geographical features of modern-day Greece (mainland and the islands). We will also be comparing Greece to the U.K. and linking this learning to building our skills in maths and English too.		Our **PSHE** unit is called 'Dreams and Goals' and focuses on knowing our strengths, setting ourselves challenging but realistic goals, working as part of a team to help make the world a better place, and accepting praise.
There will be two **PE*** lessons every week, one of which will be Real PE with me on a Wednesday. Real PE develops the children's physical skills, as well as their personal, health & fitness, social, cognitive & creative abilities. The other lesson will be dance delivered by Fortius each Friday.	Our **RE** studies this term will involve us learning about Humanism. We will be answering the key question: *What matters most to Christians and Humanists?*	Our **music** unit of learning is called 'Growth' and will involve us combining music and dance in a street dance performance.
For **computing**, we will be developing our 3D modelling skills. Initially, we will familiarise ourselves with working in a 3D space and examine the differences between working digitally with 2D and 3D graphics. Then, we will progress to making accurate 3D models of physical objects.	In **Art**, our focus will be on painting using acrylics. Animals and plants will be our focus, linking into our science learning, and we will develop our brush and colour mixing techniques.	In **Spanish**, our learning will be on animals and how both singular and plural nouns are formed in Spanish.

* 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 science and reading comprehension skills. On a Friday, it will be continuing with our maths learning from the week, as well as completing some handwriting practice and the weekly Geography lesson. 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 begin working in our maths and English study books. Please see the separate letter (being sent out on Monday 10th January) about this and do ask me if you have any questions.

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