

# Oak Class

## Autumn 1 2019



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to a brand new year at Cottingham, with an exciting time ahead. I have been so proud of the class and how they have set the expectations for the coming year, showing enthusiasm and working hard. There is a lot to look forward to over the course of the year and I am so excited to see where the year will take us. I just know it's going to be a memorable one!

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### PE



PE will be jointly taught by Miss Hurn and Mr Stafford. The children are looking so smart in their new school PE kits, all wearing red and black. The school will continue to teach RealPE units, a scheme of PE that concentrates on the skills involved in different aspects of PE, improving these to keep children active and preparing them for team and individual sports. This term we are concentrating on coordination and improving our balancing skills. PE will take place on a **Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday morning** but, as ever, please ensure that the children have PE kits in school all week.



### Learning Quest

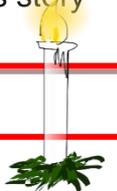
This term our topic is called "Home's where the habitat is".

This topic will be taking us right up to the October half term. To start the topic off we will be investigating which animals are found in the rainforest. The children have been given the challenge of re homing a specific animal so that it is able to survive in another location, after the devastating fires that have occurred in the rainforest throughout the summer. They will also look at what life is like for people who live in the rainforest.

### Love Reading



We continue to focus upon developing a love of reading for all of the children in the school. This year, in Key stage 2, we have made the decision to no longer have reading records, as we want the children to see reading as a personal experience and not read because they 'have to'. Instead we are encouraging children to read for pleasure by introducing the '100 recommended books for years 3 and 4' where children will complete a short review of each book they read from the list. Another way we are showing our love for reading is by bringing in appropriate books for Miss Hurn to read during class story time.



### Collective Worship

**Mon – Class Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards**  
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

**With God's help we CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK**

## Literacy

To begin our year in English, Oak class will be exploring how fear and suspense is expressed and portrayed in texts. We will begin by learning the story of the nightmare man and focusing on how suspense is created, practising many grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary and punctuation skills as we do so. We will then plan our own version of this story as a class and finally the children will write their own tale of fear using the structure. You can support children by asking them to tell you the story, explain words from the text and the features of a good tale of fear!

**Our targets for this term are, remembering to use capital letters and full stops in our sentences, using a variety of short and long sentences to create suspense and learning the correct spelling for high frequency words.**

## Behaviour & Reward

This year we have changed the behaviour system across the whole school. Instead of snakes and ladders, we have now decided to put into place a system where children are encouraged to follow the expectations set by the school and not for the sake of a reward. Going above and beyond will still be recognised through star of the week, head teachers award and lunch time awards, where children will receive 3 house points when given one of these awards. For more information please see the school website.

## Numeracy

We will be continuing to use Maths Mastery to teach our maths sessions this year. This will mean that the children will get the chance to explore their maths in great depth, looking at different pictures and models to show how the concepts they are learning about work. They also get lots of opportunity to talk about their understanding both as a class and in group work. Mastery is all about the children exploring and discussing. This term in Oak class our topics are: Roman Numerals, counting in hundreds, 50's, 25's and 1000's; representing numbers, partitioning, finding more or less, rounding, comparing and ordering, negative numbers and addition and subtraction.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>



## Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 1 (See website also)

- 12<sup>th</sup> September- instrumental lessons begin
- 20<sup>th</sup> September- Kids of Steel (tbc)
- 25<sup>th</sup> September- Book fair PTFA
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> October- school breaks up for half term holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> November- school re-opens for pupils.
- 4<sup>th</sup> November- Individual photographs.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Oak class parents day (tbc)
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Oak Class worship

## Homework

Children will be getting a list of year 3/4 spelling words that are learnt for the whole half term and they will be tested on them at the end of term. Children will continue to learn patterns on a week-by-week basis in class. Please take the time to spend some time each week reviewing the words and the rules with children. Weekly maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday with My Maths to be completed by the following Friday but please feel free to use the site to practise any skills. The children will also receive multiplication homework, beginning the 13th September, allowing them to work their way through the multiplication tests so they will know all their times tables by leaving year 4. Reminder letters of the multiplication homework and My Maths log on will be sent home (some have changed).



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