



Oak Class



Spring Term 1- 2020

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely, restful Christmas break and are all ready for a fun but busy start to the New Year, with many exciting experiences ahead of us.



Learning Quest

This term our learning quest is called "Heroes".

In class we are continuing our current learning quest of Heroes. It was great seeing who the children considered their heroes for our dress as our heroes' day last term! This quest will be taking us up to February half term. To continue the quest we will be looking in to heroes from different centuries to see why and how they became heroes. This will include discovering more about black history'. The children will also get the opportunity to create a PowerPoint presentation on a hero of their choosing to research and present. The children will also be able to make and design their own fliers and canapés for our heroes themed careers evening.

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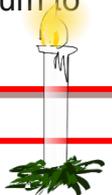
PE

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 dynamic balance and coordination skills. PE will take place on a **Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning** but, as ever, please ensure the children have PE kits in school all week.



Love Reading

We continue to focus upon developing a love of reading for all of the children in the school. All children will get the opportunity to read with Miss Hurn as a group during guided reading each week. As you are aware in KS2 we no longer ask to check reading records (but keep reading at home, Miss Hurn very much enjoys hearing about what you are reading!) instead our scheme of '100 recommended books for years 3 and 4' will be in operation this half term 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 reading pledge.



Collective Worship

Mon – Class Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards

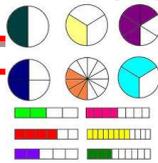
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy

In Literacy oak class will be continuing on with their journey/quest story. We will continue to look at the different features found in a quest story whilst practising the different grammar and vocabulary skills. Last term we began learning a text called 'The Kingdom Quest' and in the first few weeks back of the spring term we will be finishing this unit off by creating our own quest fiction text. I am sure we will have lots to write about! After this fiction unit we will be moving on to a non-fiction diary recount text.

Our current targets in literacy are, using descriptive language, including characters feelings and showing how these might change throughout our quest story.



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 units are: multiplication and division, length, perimeter. Area and fractions. In multiplication and division children will be learning efficient methods to multiply and divide by their timetables that they have been learning and looking at factors. In our measurement unit children will be comparing cm, m and mm to find out different lengths, perimeters and areas. In the unit of fractions which will be continued into the next half term the children will be looking at equivalent fractions, Fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting fractions.

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

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.

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 every time the class moves on to a new timetables, allowing them to work their way through the multiplication tests so they will know all their times tables by leaving year 4. Miss Hurn will set up one lunchtime every two weeks for children who have not completed their mymaths homework or do not have access to a device to complete it.

Religious Education and French

In R.E the children will be learning about the topic 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? The children will be looking at the similarities and differences between their own lives and the lives of Hindus.

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm the children have shown when learning French. This term the children will be learning the French for foods which will involve learning the different colours.



Dates for the diary

Spring term 1

Wednesday 15th January- Key Stage 2 Faith Tour trip

Thursday 13th February- Values day

Friday 14th February- School closes for February half term.

Monday 24th February- School re-opens.

Wednesday 26th February- Year 4 Beaumanor trip for 2 nights.

Thursday 5th March- World book day.



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