



Oak Class



Spring Term 2- 2020

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely, restful half term and are all ready for a fun but busy term, with many exciting experiences ahead of us.



Learning Quest

This term our learning quest is called 'Would you want to be a Roman Soldier?'

In this new learning quest, Oak class will be finding out what life was like for a Roman soldier, what jobs they had to complete, places they had to go and what they did in their spare time. We will also be investigating the impact the Romans had and what it was like for the citizens who lived in England during the time of the invasion. In the science part of this quest we will be exploring all about rocks and fossils. Children will also have the opportunity to design and make a Roman mosaic.

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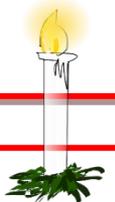
PE will be jointly taught by Miss Hurn and Mr Stafford. The children are looking so smart in their new school PE kits, all wearing red and black. The school will continue to teach RealPE units, a scheme of PE that concentrates on the skills involved in different aspects of PE, improving these to keep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

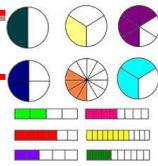
Mon – Class Singing Worship Tues/Wed – Whole Sch Worship Thur – Class Worship Fri – Special Awards
Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy

In literacy, Oak class will be writing a portal story. We will begin the unit by reading and watching *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. We will look at the different features found in a portal story whilst practising the different grammar and vocabulary skills. The model text we shall be using to support us in literacy will be 'Elf road'. After this fiction unit we will be moving on to a non-fiction instructions text.

Our current targets in literacy are to use said + adverb for example 'he said softly', to include stage directions to show what a character is doing when speaking and to include characters feelings in our writing.



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: length, perimeter, fractions, Decimals and Mass and capacity. 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 the children will be looking at equivalent fractions, Fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting fractions.

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

Religious Education and French

In R.E the children will be learning about the topic 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm the children have shown when learning French. This term the children will be learning the French unit of 'my family and friends'.



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.

Dates for the diary

Spring term 1



Monday 24th February- School re-opens.

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

Thursday 5th March- World book day.

Wednesday 11th March- Beaumanor assembly

Thursday 12th March- Year 4 faith roadshow

Monday 16th March- Oak class parent day

Tuesday 17th- Wednesday 18th- Oak class maths and reading assessment days

Friday 3rd April- Easter service 11:30-12:30

Friday 3rd April- Break up for Easter.

Monday 20th April- INSET Day

Tuesday 21st April- school reopens for summer term 1.

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