

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new term at Cottingham. I hope you have had a restful half term.

I have been very proud of how quickly the children in Oak class have adapted and settled back into school life after a long period of time off. It has been a joy to see old faces along with new members of Oak sat at their desks and engaging in their learning with smiles on their faces. Oak, along with all of the classes, will be continuing to catch up on any gaps identified in the children's learning and this may mean that some of the subjects that are mentioned on the overview will not be starting for a short time whilst we spend time on catch up.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me either at school or through email.



Class: Oak

Term: 2

Homework

This year in Oak, maths homework will continue to set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Could I please also remind parents about the need to complete times tables revision using our Times Tables Rock Stars sites. Passwords etc will not have changed from last year. Children should also be reading on a daily basis. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.



Quest: What is the perfect farm for our local area?

In this quest, children will first of all be visited by a local farmer who will set them the challenge of designing their own farm. They will find out all about farming through the curriculum and their own research and then be asked to complete a design, in whichever way they chose, to show what an ideal local farm might look like.

Significant person



This term we will continue to spend time learning about a significant person. This is a person who has had a strong impact on our way of life or culture and that we think would be important for the children to know about. For our second person this year, we have chosen Malala Yousafzai and will be looking into and thinking about her belief in equality and her fight for the rights of girls getting an education. Please find out about her with the children at home.

PE days



This term, PE in Oak will take place on a Monday afternoon and a Tuesday morning. Children will be allowed to come to school in their PE kits on these two days. We are trying to ensure that the majority of PE sessions will be taking place outside for the time being.

Collective Worship

Collective worship will take place this year on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We will also have class worship on a Monday and a Thursday. Due to restrictions that are in place this year, for the time being, we will not be able to gather together to take part in worship however we will be leading worship remotely, so that all classes can take part. Please click on the following document to see details of themes for this term. http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/ChristianValues/collective_worship_planner_aut_2020_21_.pdf

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home. A little differently this term, we are asking that the children's end of quest project be completed at home. This will involve the children completing a farm design, in any format that they wish, using the learning that they have completed. This could be a 3D plan, 2D, a written presentation. This will need to be completed by the first week in January. There are a range of local farms that are available to go and visit, such as West Lodge. You can also collect local plants and maybe complete some of their own art work based around the flowers that they find or even some flower pressing. They can also use these flowers to identify the different parts of the flower. They could also try growing their own plants from seeds. Here are some website ideas for supporting quest learning:

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Farm>

<http://www.virtualfarmwalk.org/>

<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/prehistoric-england/stonehenge-facts/>