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# Autumn Term 1—Oak Class News—2023/24

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another new academic year at Cottingham. I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing holidays and the children are raring to go! I am looking forward to welcoming the new year 3's into Oak class where they will become the newest members of Key Stage 2 and get to grips with their new routines. I also am excited to welcome back some familiar faces and look forward to seeing them flourish as year 4's and exceptional role models for the newer members of Oak class. We have a packed term (as usual) any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to catch me on the door or alternatively send me an email.

## Love 2 Read

The children in Oak class will soon learn how much I love reading and enjoy a good book! Over the summer I have continuously had books on the go and managed to read an abundance of books. Most of these not suitable for sharing with the class, however I do look forward to sharing my favourite age appropriate authors and books with Oak class. We will begin the term by reading one of my favourite authors 'Roald Dahl' James and the Giant Peach in our literacy lessons and I look forward to the children voting for our new reading pledge book in due course!

## Expectations

This term we will be focusing on implementing the schools expectations straight away and ensure children are following the rules throughout the school. We will be setting high standards of showing respect to everyone around the school.

In Oak class, the children will need to be provided with a snack for break time. Please ensure this is **only a healthy snack (fruit or veg)**.

## Homework

Children will receive a weekly MyMaths to complement their learning in school every Friday and to be completed by the following Friday. Children should also be accessing TTRS on a daily basis. Children will receive weekly spellings which are carefully selected based on spelling rules and national spellings. In addition, children are expected to read regularly at home.

## Spellings

Spellings lists for year 3 and 4 are available on the Microsoft Teams site and are also sent via parent mail. Please ensure children are practicing every week.

## QUEST

This term our Quest topic will be all about rainforests. We will be focusing our learning about the Amazon rainforest, looking firstly at the different biomes and how they affect flora and fauna before moving on to looking at the impact of deforestation on the region and on the global climate. We will begin our Quest by visiting Hamerton Zoo to learn about some of the animals that live in the rainforest.

## PE days

PE this year will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Oak class and will be taught by Mr Stafford and Miss Hurn. Please make sure no jewelry is worn for PE lessons and all long hair is tied up.

## Collective Worship

Our value for the term in Collective Worship will be **Compassion and Kindness**.

Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We would love to have parents come along so please do! We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Details of our Collective Worship can be found at [Collective Worship - Cotting-](#)

## Homework ideas

As a school we set minimal homework, but the expectation is that is completed every week. In addition to maths, reading and spelling expectations, it would be beneficial for children to spend time researching all about our Quest topic for the this term— rainforests.

Your child could investigate the following:

- rainforests of South America
- Flora and flora of South American rainforests
- Deforestation of rainforests

## A.O.B.

**Monday 11th September**— KS2 trip to Hamerton Zoo

**Tuesday 19th September**— Flu immunisation

**Thursday 21st September**— Individual school photographs

**Friday 29th September**— Turn green Mufti-day for Lake-lands hospice

**Wednesday 4th October**— Harvest service (*TBC*)

**Tuesday 10th October**— Mental health awareness day

**Thursday 19th October**— Oak parent day

**Friday 20th October**— Last day of term