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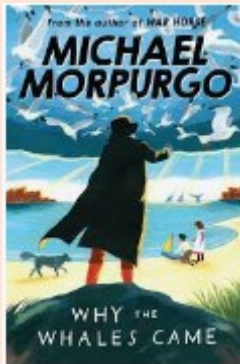
# Autumn Term 2—Oak Class News—2023/24

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another new term at Cottingham. I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing half term! I would like to say a big well done to all the children for a positive and successful first term. We have yet another packed term (as usual) to look forward to. Any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to catch me on the door or alternately send me an email.

## Love 2 Read

The children in Oak class have enjoyed reading James and the Giant peach in our reading pledge, which will be continued this term. We will then be looking at reading Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo. I have enjoyed reading the children's book reviews on the different books they borrow from the school and classroom library. It's great to see a love of reading flourishing through Oak class!



## Expectations

This term we will be continuing to focus 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

This term there have been some changes to homework. The expectation is that children **must** spend **at least** 15 minutes a week on TTRS practicing their timestable recall.

Children will also be set weekly spelling homework on the spelling shed website. This is set every Friday and to be completed by the following Thursday.

It is also important to make sure children are reading regularly at home.

Please note, we will be checking to ensure that children are completing the homework as this is a valued addition to their education.

## 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 of the Amazon rainforest will be continuing but from an Art and DT viewpoint. The children will be making a pop up information booklet all about the Amazon rainforest as our final piece of work.

## 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 **Respect and Empathy**

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 - Cottingham Primary](#).

## 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:

- South American artists
- Indigenous South American art

## A.O.B.

**Monday 30th October—TTRS take-over day.** We will be launching our new TTRS activities and competitions. We welcome the children coming into school dressed up as their favourite rock/pop star.

**Friday 1st December—** Scooter and Skateboarding take-over day.

**Saturday 2nd December—** PTFA Christmas fayre

**Thursday 7th December—** Christmas jumper day

**Friday 15th December—** Carols around the Christmas tree.

**Wednesday 20th December—**End of term