

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

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another new term at Cottingham. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holidays! I would like to say a big well done to all the children for a positive and successful first full term in year 3 and 4. 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 *Why the Whales Came* by Michael Morpurgo. This term we will look forward to reading *Dead Man's Cove* by Lauren St John. 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

Homework expectations are 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. Staff will be contacting parents if the homework expectations are not being met.

## 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 the Romans. This term, we will be looking at the Romans as invaders. We will look at how the Roman Empire spread across Europe and explore the key successes at this time. We will look at the impact the Romans had across the world and how their achievements still shape many aspects of modern society (including our language!).

## 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 **Honesty and Self Esteem**

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 it is completed every week. In addition to TTRS, Spelling Shed spelling practice and reading expectations, it would be beneficial for children to continue to spend time researching all about our Quest topic for the this term— The Romans as Invaders.

Your child could investigate the following:

- Famous Roman Empires
- Which countries did the Romans invade?
- Why were the Romans so successful?

## A.O.B.

### Fridge Dates

**Monday 22nd January**— Online safety day/visit

**Friday 26th January**— Bikeability Yr3/4.

**Monday 5th—9th February**—Childrens Mental Health awareness week

**Friday 9th February**— KS2 Love2Lunch

**Thursday 15th February** — PTFA Valentines Disco

**Friday 16th February**— Break up for half term