



Autumn term 1 —Oak Class News—2024/25

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another year at Cottingham and for many of you a first year in key stage 2! I am really excited about the upcoming year– it will be a definite change for me with younger children after 9 years in 5/6 but I have loved teaching this age group previously and can't wait to do it again. As the new term starts, I hope that the children (and parents) will feel settled in very quickly but if there are any questions about the new class, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time. My email address is f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk. I am also going to be keeping you informed of our activities on the Twitter page so please follow @WasonMrs to do so.

Love 2 Read

Our class book this term is *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. This is a book that I read many years ago when I was at school so I have forgotten much of it but know that I loved reading it. It tells the story of an unexpected arrival in England of a giant "metal man" of unknown origin who rains destruction on the countryside by eating industrial farm equipment, before befriending a small boy. Can't wait to read again! I am also asking the children to share their book recommendations so please do talk these through with them.



Expectations

Setting out our expectations across the school will be really important in these first few weeks of term. I will be practising in class lots to do with what makes a good listener and also how we ask questions well. We will also concentrate on how we expect work to be set out and I'm looking forward to seeing some great presentation across the whole of Oak Class.

Homework

As you are aware, there has been a change to the homework that is set. My Maths is no longer an expectation. Children will be set a certain amount of time that they have to spend **on garage** on **TTRS** (15 minutes) and this will be monitored. Children also have to complete the spellings challenge set on **Spelling shed**. In addition to this please practice the terms KIRFs with the children (available on line) and **daily reading** is vital.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 3 and 4 are available on the Microsoft Teams site/website. Please ensure children are practicing every week. These will be tested in school on a Friday.



QUEST

Quest: Farms

In this quest the children will be finding out about farming. As a part of this they will be exploring the early history of farming as they look at the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and how people at these different times got food and first developed personal and then traded farms. They will also explore plant growth in their science and art work before designing their own farm for the local area.



PE days

This term, PE in Oak will take place on a Monday and a Thursday. As always, children should come to school wearing their PE kits and a tracksuit on top if wished.



Collective Worship

Our value for the term in Collective Worship will be **trust and community**. 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

Here are some non-compulsory homework ideas to share with the children at home based around our Quest of Farms:

- Create a surviving the stone age survival pack or pamphlet
- Build your own iron age hill fort with things that you find in the house
- Try cooking some food that they would have had in the stone age or see if you can forage for food yourself!



Please send in any pics of projects that you have been working on– we'd love to see them!



A.O.B.

- 9th September– our new EYFS children will be in school
- 19th September– individual school photographs
- 9th October– year 3/4 quick sticks hockey
- 11th October– pacesetter games– dodgeball
- 16th October– KS2 cross country
- 21st October– Oak Class parent day
- 23rd-25th October– roof top art exhibition
- 25th October– break up for half term
- 5th November– children back in school