

# Oak's Autumn Newsletter



## **English**

To start with we will be writing non chronological reports based on different creatures and bugs linked to our science work and James and the Giant Peach. Our English work then will be based around our topic of WW2: reading and writing stories from evacuees' points of view, writing diaries and instructions. We will also be focusing on uses of punctuation and making effective vocabulary choices. Handwriting will also be a focus for Oak this half term to ensure that the children are joining their writing consistently.

## **Maths**

To begin with, Oak will focus on understanding place value of 5 and 6 digit numbers. We will then focus on methods of addition and subtraction and the application of these when problem solving and reasoning. Throughout the half term we will also be working on times tables up to the 12 times table and our arithmetic skills. We will also look at factor pairs, multiples, squared numbers and prime numbers.

## **Science**

Year 5 children will be working on the topic of 'Space' which includes researching and comparing different planets, investigating the phases of the moon and the relationship between the sun and planets.

Year 6 children will be working on the topic 'Evolution and Adaptation' where the children will research Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution and look at how animals have adapted and changed over time.

## **Topic**

Our topic for the first half term is WW2. We will be looking the events of the war and the impact of these on people, especially children. Then we will look at rationing and recipes from this time. Oak will also investigate propaganda posters and messages behind them and then create their own.

## **Art/DT**

Our artwork will be based on our topic of WW2- we will look at artwork depicting the Blitz and propaganda posters.

## **RE**

Over this half term children will be exploring the theory of creation from a religious and a scientific point of view and looking to see if these views always conflicting or if they can also be complementary.

## **PE**

Oak class will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday for this half term. The children will be having Topscore UK on a Tuesday. On a Wednesday, we will be doing sports hall athletics.

## **Computing**

The children will focus on E-Safety and keeping themselves safe when using the internet. The children will be looking at coding and how to make and code their own games.

## **Reminders**

Oak children will have their arithmetic tests on a Wednesday, so they will need to bring in their arithmetic journals with their completed homework on the same day. Children must bring their home reading journals on a Thursday so they can be read by Mrs Dormand. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the children will then be tested on them every two weeks. The children also need to bring in their PE kit on a Monday and then have it with them in school for the whole week.