

Oak's Spring Newsletter



English

To start with, we are going to be reading and writing balanced arguments about various fantasy topics! We will then focus our work around Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom* and will be writing our own adventure stories.

In our grammar work we will continue to focus on why we use different punctuation in our writing. We will also be looking at an active and passive sentences and why we use them. Also we will be looking at different cohesive devices that you can use to help your writing flow, such as adverbial phrases and repetition of key words. For further guidance on this, please see the parents' leaflets for grammar on the school website.

Maths

Oak will start by looking at properties of numbers such as factors, multiples and primes. We will then be completing our work on long division and moving on to problem solving involving both multiplication and division. We will continue to focus on making sure we know our times tables up to the 12 times table by heart.

Science

.Year 5 children will continue to work on the topic of 'Materials' which includes classifying materials by their properties such as solubility and response to magnets. We will also investigate mixtures, solutions, changing states and whether materials can be separated.

Year 6 children will be studying the topic of 'Electricity' where they investigate different types of circuits and the effects different components have within them. They will also research famous scientists in this area.

Topic

Oak's topic for this half term is extreme weather! We will be looking at all types of extreme weather and natural disasters. We will research where they occur, what causes them and the effect that they have on people living in the world today.

Art/DT

We will be making volcanoes out of mixed materials to go with our topic on extreme weather and using mixed media to create scenes of destruction caused by such events.

RE

This half term we will be focusing on the religion of Islam. To begin with the children will be becoming familiar with the religion itself and looking for similarities and differences with Christianity. We will then have a particular focus on what it is like to be a Muslim living in Britain today.

PE

Oak class will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday for this half term. The children will be having TS Academy on a Wednesday. On a Monday, we will be doing Sports Hall cricket and netball.

Computing

Reminders

Oak children will be given homework on either a Thursday or Friday and are expected to bring it in for the date given to them. Reading books may be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday but the children can always take extra books from the library if they wish to. Children must bring their home reading journals on a Thursday so they can be read by Miss Hastelow. 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.