

Oak's Spring Newsletter



English

To begin with, our work will be based on the book 'Varmints' by Helen Ward and Marc Craste. Through this book we will look at diary and letter writing but our main focus will be on writing a balanced argument. We will also be writing reports based on our Amazon Rainforest topic.

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.

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 begin 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 working on the topic 'Animals including humans' which includes looking at the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems. We will also study healthy living and the impact of exercise on our bodies.

Topic

Oak's topic for this half term is the Amazon Rainforest. We will be looking at where the rainforest is, it's ecosystem, what it is like to live there for both humans and animals and the different threats that the rainforest faces.

Art/DT

In art, the children will be studying the work of the artist Henri Rousseau. We will look at the techniques and media he used and then use this knowledge to create our own artwork.

RE

This half term we will be focusing on the religion of Judaism . 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 Jewish living in Britain today.

PE

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

Computing

The children will be completing a unit of work on how to use spreadsheets effectively.

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.