



Oak Class Autumn 1 2019



Hello and welcome to Oak class! Miss Ellis and I hope you have had a fun filled and restful break and you are all ready for the new academic year. Year 3 and 4 have a fun yet busy year ahead and Miss Ellis and myself can't wait to share this new year with you all.

A few reminders

- Children need to bring their own pencil cases to school – they must contain a blue writing pen (not biro), a writing pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, a glue stick (plain glue, not coloured – despite advertised, they do not dry clear), ruler and a black pen (this can be biro) and colouring pencils.
- The children need a named water bottle in order to remain hydrated throughout the day. This can be kept on their desk.
- P.E this term will be swimming. Swimming will start on the 16th September so I ask that all children come to school on a swimming Monday with their PE kits on.

Maths

In Maths this term we are covering place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. These topics will be split into: counting in 25's, 50's, 100's and 1,000's, representing numbers to 1,000, portioning, 1,000 or 100 more and less, compare and order object and numbers to 1,000, subtraction to cross 10 and 100 boundary, subtracting two 4-digit numbers, estimating and checking, times tables and comparing and applying related calculations.

English

This term we are reading and writing about The Jabberwocky, a poem written by Lewis Carroll. We will also be using our class topic to produce fact sheet and newspaper reports.

Topic

After redesigning the whole school curriculum, every year group's topic this term will be Significant Figures. The focus of this for Year 3 & 4 will be a topic called 'Reign over us' which looks at kings and queens throughout British history. We will also be looking at Alexander the Great and the invasion of 1066.

Science

Our Science topic this term will cover living things and their habitats. The children will be learning what 7 things make up a living animal and will then be sorting animals into different categories based on characteristics that the living things possess. We will be creating a science book that encompasses everything we will be learning about in class.

Music

Oak class will be continuing to learn the recorder this year. Although our main focus for the term is singing in preparation for the Harvest Festival, where each class is learning a song to perform.

Homework

The children will bring home a POWER project at the beginning of each term that links with our overall topic: they can choose which challenges to complete in order to accrue points. I would also like to urge parents to read with your child at home as frequently as you can. This can be fiction, non-fiction, a magazine, newspaper or other reading material from home of their choice. It really is noticeable which children do read widely, as they apply what they have read when writing in class. The children have also had the opportunity to select a book from the oak class reading corner and we always set out to spend time reading for pleasure every single day. We shall also have the option to go into the school library on a Friday afternoon and pick a book from there.

If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We both look forward to meeting you all at our class meeting on 24th September at 4.00pm.

Mr Johnson and Miss Ellis

