

Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2020

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Oak Class. Mrs Welsh and I are delighted to have everyone learning together in the classroom again and settling back into the routine of the school day. We have a busy term ahead, with plenty of fascinating topics to explore.



A few reminders:

- Children must bring their own (wipeable) pencil cases to school with the following equipment:
 - Writing pencil(s)
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Rubber
 - Glue stick (not coloured)
 - Ruler
 - Black pen (this can be biro)
 - Colouring pencils
- The children will need to bring in a named water bottle each day. They will be kept on their desk.
- P.E this term will be swimming. Swimming will start on Tuesday 29th September.
- We will also have P.E. on Tuesday afternoons when not swimming. PE kits must be kept in school.

Maths

We will begin the year with learning all about place value, counting in 25's, 50's, 100's and 1,000's before moving onto representing numbers to 1,000, portioning, 1,000 or 100 more and less, comparing and ordering objects and numbers to 1,000. Following on from this, the children will use this knowledge to work on addition and subtraction where we will add and subtract multiples of 100 and add 3-digit and 2- and 1-digit numbers together.

We will also be focussing on securing knowledge of times tables, starting with 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's

English

This term we will be reading together and writing about Shirley Hughes' *The Lion and the Unicorn*, a story of a little boy in WWII. We will also be using our class topic (see below) to learn how to write pocket guides, persuasive arguments, directions and diary entries.

Topic

Our topic for this term is “Britain from the Air”. This will give us the opportunity to explore the local area through atlases and OS maps, locating important features and understanding what it means to have a “bird’s-eye view” as well as developing an understanding about how people in the past have contributed to the local area. We will use this knowledge to carry out some orienteering activities. In Art, we will explore sculptors and their work before designing a model sculpture to represent the local area.

Science

Our topic for this term is light where we will develop an understanding of what light is and how shadows are formed and how they change shape or size. They will learn this through working scientifically focussing on making observations, setting up simple tests, noticing patterns, taking measurements, recording findings and making predictions.

Music

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. They will also have a reading passport with six different reading challenges to complete by 19th October – those who complete it will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort.

The children will have books to take home to read from 21st September and this must be noted in their Reading Record. Books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. I would also like to encourage parents to read with your child at home as often as you can, whether this is fiction, non-fiction, a magazine or newspaper as reading a variety of texts has a positive impact on their writing.

There will be a wide selection of books for the children to choose from the Oak Class reading corner. The children will also be read to during the last ten minutes of each day.

We both look forward to meeting you all at our class meeting on 29th September at 4.15pm.

Miss Durant & Mrs Welsh