

Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020



Welcome back to another term in Oak Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term and are ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead as we approach Christmas.

A few reminders:

- Children must have the following **NAMED** equipment in their pencil cases:
 - 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. Squash and juice is not permitted in the classroom but can be in their lunchbox
- P.E this term will be netball and dance. PE kits must be kept in school.
- Swimming will not start again until **Tuesday 8th December** at the earliest.

Maths

We will be continuing with addition and subtraction before moving onto multiplication and division. We will begin the term by adding 2-digit and 3-digit numbers to 3-digit numbers with exchange before moving onto adding 4-digit numbers with and without exchange. We will then look at subtracting 3- and 4- digit numbers with and without exchange.

We will continue to secure knowledge of times tables, with practice every day to improve the children's fluency.

English

This term we will be reading together and writing about Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man*. We will also be using our class topic (see below) to learn how to write fact files, poems and prayers.

Topic

Our topic for this term is World War I. We will learn about the key events which triggered the start of the First World War, the process of enlistment, how daily life in Britain was affected, the key figures involved in the First World War and how the war ended.

If anyone has any artefacts at home relating to this period in history, they are more than welcome to bring them in to show them to the class.

Science

Our topic for this term is animals and humans. We will be learning about nutrition, skeletons and muscles through scientific enquiry and setting up simple tests.

Music

Our main focus for the term is singing in preparation for the Christmas service.

Homework

The children will have brought bring home a POWer project with this newsletter that links with our World War I 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 – those who complete it will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort.

The quality of homework produced last term was extremely high and the children should be proud of the effort that they have put into producing creative pieces of work. Their home learning has had a positive impact in reinforcing the learning they have been doing in school.

POWer Projects and Reading Passports are due on **Monday 14th December 2020.**

The children will continue to take books home to read. Any reading done at home should be noted in their Reading Record. Books and reading records should be brought in on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** – read books can be returned and a new book chosen on those days.

The children have been given logins for Times Tables Rockstars so that they can practise at home. There is also an app and website called “Hit the Button” which is an alternative way of squeezing in some quick-fire practice in a fun way!

Miss Durant & Mrs Welsh