

Oak Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



English: We have an exciting start to the term working with the author Caroline Lawrence, who is coming into school to work with the children. We will also be writing discussion texts and suspense stories. After the half term break, we will be developing our persuasive text writing and information writing linked to a short art and design project on architecture. We will continue to practise our SAT busting skills for maths, reading comprehension, grammar, and spelling.

Maths: We are continuing to build our mathematical skills though understanding negative numbers in context, finding out what BODMAS is, beginning algebra, finding missing angles in shapes, understanding ratio and proportion and understanding and calculating the areas and perimeters of shapes. We will continue to practise our arithmetic skills and our SAT busting skills in our SAT buster books.

Practical activities to do at home: please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible as these are skills for life. Also, please encourage them to go onto **Doodle Maths** (ideally daily) as it really does boost children's understanding and confidence in Maths.

Keep practising your child's recall of their times tables.

Topic: In the first half term, we are studying Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. If your child has visited a mountain or volcano, please encourage them to share their knowledge with the class. Also, if any child or member of your family has experienced an earthquake, we would love to hear about that too.

After half term, we will be studying Rivers, with particular emphasis on the River Thames (as it is on our doorstep). We will be discussing flooding, so memories of the flooding in 2014 will be shared and we will welcome creative ideas for preventing flooding in our area.

We will also become architectural designers in a mini topic and hope to impress everyone with designs to improve our school.

Science: We will be looking at the human body. We will be studying the different systems within the body, the human digestive system and the circulatory system and how they work. We will also study the importance of maintaining a healthy body. In term 4 we will study all the different aspects of light, reflection, refraction, colour and how we see.

RE: In term 3 we will be studying Christianity-Is anything ever eternal? We will study different aspects of the Christian belief in eternity. In term 4 we will study Christianity - Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth? We will investigate the evidence that may support this question.

ICT: We will be learning about our online lives and how to be safe online. We will also be linking to our rivers topic by using lego programming to develop ideas for flood defences.



Upcoming Events

PE this term is on Wednesday and Friday. We need outdoor and indoor PE kits.

Library: Tuesday

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday.

Daily reading - please record in your child's reading record.

English homework is set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Maths homework is set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Please go on Doodle Maths daily.