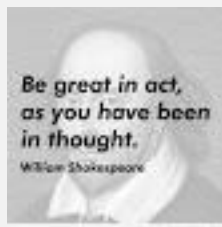


## Oak Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn term.



Welcome back to school. I hope that you are all rested and looking forward to a very busy and fun-filled Autumn term. You will continue the great Datchet tradition of having buddies in Reception, which gives you the great privilege of helping our youngest children settle, learn and have a big person to mentor them. We are delighted to once again be involved in the Shakespeare "As You Like It" project organized by Troublemaker Theatre and will be working hard to prepare ourselves to be "great in act..." in early November.

**English:** We will focus this term on story writing, letter writing, diary and information writing inspired by World War II. This World War II work will form the bread of our English sandwich around our Shakespeare play work from mid-October until just after the performance in mid-November. We will be improving our grammar, punctuation and spelling skills and ensuring that we apply these skills in our writing. We will also be working on our comprehension skills through written comprehension work and our oral comprehension during Guided Reading work.

**Maths:** We are continuing to build our mathematical skills though understanding place value, adding, subtracting and multiplying in columns, using protractors to measure angles in triangles, telling the time and converting units of time (e.g. how many minutes in two and a half hours). We will have one lesson a week dedicated to our arithmetic skills and will begin to hone 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.

Keep practising your child's recall of their times tables and encourage them to go onto **Doodle Maths** (ideally daily) as it really does boost children's understanding and confidence in Maths.

**Topic:** We will be studying World War II, with a particular emphasis on what this meant to Britain's children in terms of evacuation, rationing and the Blitz. It would be great if your children could find out an experience from a member of their own family in the War (either on the Homefront or in the forces).

**Science:** We will study evolution and inheritance. We will then look at animals, including humans.

**RE:** In term 1 we will be studying Islam and in what ways Muslims show their faith. Term 2 focuses on Christianity and we will investigate the importance of the birth of Jesus.

**ICT:** We will be working as young authors to create a book on the Ipad for our buddies in Reception.



## Upcoming Events

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

**Library: Thursday**

### 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