



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Oak Class

September 2025

Dear Oak Class Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. This term is a great opportunity to kick off the new academic year with fantastic learning, as we continue to Believe, Learn and Grow together in 2025 and 2026, with both new and old members of Oak class coming together to continue their learning journey.

Theme

This term we will be focused on history, focusing on learning about the impact that the Vikings had on England as both raiders and settlers. This will be linked through DT, with the children building their own version of Lindisfarne Priory out of wood and other materials. In Science Year 6 we will be exploring electricity by designing, building and improving electrical circuits. Year 5 will be learning about materials and their properties

Home Learning:

Children in Oak class are encouraged to read regularly for pleasure, either with suitable range of fiction from home, or from a levelled reading book from our reading scheme - Big Cat. Children will have a Big Cat book each week to read to improve reading fluency as well as a 'reading for pleasure' book of their choice. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encouraging progress.

The spelling home learning will go home on a Monday, with support given in school to help learn these. Spellings will continue to be a big focus. We will investigate spelling rules and patterns throughout the week. Children will be given differentiated spellings for the week, depending on the level they are working at in class. Most children will be given around 8 spellings, but others might have less. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home, as well as the techniques like 'silly sentences' 'pyramid writing' and other strategies which will be explained to your children. Spellings will be taught during the week, followed by a test on Friday.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using deliberate practice on paper in class. Each term we will have a focus on times tables learning but the expectation is that children will need to know all these now, with quick recall and application. If you would like support at home with times-tables then please let us know.

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will also be available for your child. On this grid, there is a range of home learning activities as well as activities linked to our value of generosity and Vision or Believe, Learn, Grow.

PE:

PE will be taught on **Monday afternoon and Thursday morning**. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in school for the entire day on their PE days. Please ensure that earrings are not worn if possible. If they are worn, they need to be covered in tape to prevent an accident.

PGL:

With the Year 6's residential trip to PGL approaching, we will be conducting a parents' information meeting and will endeavour to answer any queries you may have. Further information will be announced in due course.

For more information about the PGL site visit <https://adventureholidays.pgl.co.uk/camps/liddington/>

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to an exciting first term in Oak Class

Mr Summerson and the Oak Team