Believe - Learn - Grow

Oak Class - Summer 1 term

Kensuke's Kingdom and the Wonder Garden

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Oak Class Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable break. Time has gone really fast and it's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another year.

Themes:

This term, we will be focusing on two quality texts - Kensuke's Kingdom and The Wonder Garden.

In Science, we will be exploring and developing our knowledge, skills and understanding of evolution and inheritance.

Home Learning:

Children in Oak Class are encouraged to read regularly for pleasure, using either their levelled reading book from our reading scheme or through their free choice reading book. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encourage progress.

In Oak class, your child has also a revision book for Maths and English, which they are expected to use to recall and recap their learning from across KS2. Otherwise, we encourage you to support your child to complete the Pick and Mix homework.

The spelling home learning will continue to 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 10 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 Monday.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using deliberate practice 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.

PE:

PE will be taught on Monday and Tuesdays. Children are allowed to wear their PE kits in school for the entire day on their PE days.

Value:

Our Value this term is friendship.

SATS:

This term will include the national assessments that are taken at the end of Year 6

The SATs papers consist of:

- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1: GPS) Monday 12th May
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- Reading Tuesday 13th May
- Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Wednesday 14th May
- Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 14th May
- Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Thursday 15th May

We will make every effort to make this week as stress free for parents as possible, we understand that SATS are only one aspect of celebrating and assessing your child as they pass through life! If your child is not in Year 6, they will complete the appropriate assessment for their age group during this week.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to another great term in Oak Class.

Mr Summerson