



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Oak Class

November 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 term with fantastic learning, as we continue to Believe, Learn and Grow together into 2026.

Theme

This term we will be focused on Geography, with an investigation around the rainforests of South America. In Science Year 6 we will be exploring electricity by designing, building and improving electrical circuits. Year 5 will be learning about properties and changes to materials as this is a 2-term topic.

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 encourage 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 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 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 compassion and Vision of "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.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to another great term with the class.

Mr Summerson and the Oak Team