



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Oak Class Spring 1

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. This term is a great chance to start a new year with fantastic learning, as we continue to Believe, Learn and Grow together in 2026

Topic:

This term we will be focusing on change through arriving somewhere new, through English, Reading, History, French and other subject areas. Our key text will be "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan.

Home Learning:

Children in Oak class are encouraged to read regularly for pleasure, and from a levelled reading book from our reading scheme - Big Cats. Children will have a levelled book or a free-reader 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 continue to go home on a Monday, with support given in school to help learn these. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Oak class. 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 activities suggested on the sheet.

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 of these now, with quick recall and application, whilst we are Oak Class. If you would like support at home with times tables then please let us know.

As we getting closer to SATS for year 6 pupils, there will be an appropriate level of revision homework sent home on a Monday for your child to complete, in order to consolidate things that they have been already taught.

PE:

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

Value Our Value this term is courage

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

Thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to another great term in Year 6!

Mr Summerson