

Oak Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2016

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to another term in Oak class. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term. Below are just some of the highlights, including key learning.



Spelling work will be focusing on tricky homophones and suffixes such as 'tial' and 'cial'. Each half term's words are on the homework sheet.

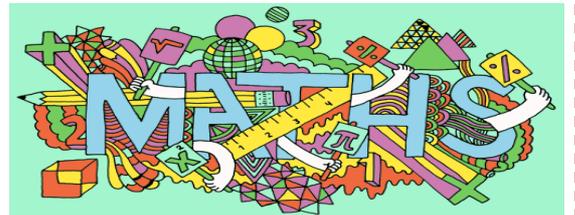
This term we have started by looking at the book 'The Ice Bear' by Jackie Morris. Work will focus on the use of adverbials and noun modification. We will also be learning a lot of grammatical terminology that will help in writing and reading. We will be moving onto learning about Shackleton's journey and children will be writing their own history journey set in Egypt. This unit will support children in their use of punctuation such as brackets and colons.

This half term work in maths will focus on the following areas:

Additive Reasoning: addition and subtraction problems in context; using known number facts.

Number Sense: the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages. Solving problems with each.

Multiplicative Reasoning: Prime, composite, square and cube numbers. Ratio and proportion.



PE will continue on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon—please ensure children have appropriate kit (outdoor on Friday).



Learning in this term's topic - 'Beliefs and Actions in the World (1)' will focus on Christianity and Judaism and how followers live their lives differently.



Learning in science this term will focus on light followed by a series of lessons involving various investigations - Lots of hands on learning!



Computing this term will focus on e-safety and making quizzes (linked to other areas of the curriculum).



Topics



This term's topic is Ancient Egypt! We'll be travelling back in time to learn how this fascinating civilisation started. Children will journey along the Nile; finding out its importance to people of the time. We'll also be looking at what the Ancient Egyptians believed about the afterlife, gods and goddesses and how they conducted their everyday lives.

The BBC is currently running a series called 'Immortal Egypt' which children and adults might find interesting to compliment our learning in school.

We look forward to an exciting term which will also include a number of enrichment activities (details to follow).

As always, any questions, please feel free to catch me on the playground.

Mr Thomas