

Oak Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2016



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to another half term in Oak class. Our main topic this term will be 'Rivers: Far and Wide'. This will be a geography focus but will also link to areas of history, RE and Art. Children will be learning about how rivers are formed, the habitats found within and how they vary around the world.



During this term we will be looking at refining our writing across a number of genres. This will include persuasive writing, stories, reports and letters. Children will learn to distinguish between different levels of formality. They will also be improving their sentence constructions to include a wider variety of punctuation. I have set up a class login to www.oxfordowl.co.uk to read a number of different ebooks. The username is *Oakoffwell* and the password is *Offwell*.

Some of the aspects to be covered this term in maths:

Additive reasoning: mixed fractions, decimals to 3dp, adding and subtracting methods, timetables.

Number sense: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 including decimals, percentages, converting units of measure.

Multiplicative reasoning: multiples and factors, squares, cubes, primes, multiplying fractions.

Geometric reasoning: properties of polygons, perimeter and area, volume.



PE will continue on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon—please ensure children have appropriate kit. Hopefully we'll get outside!

This term we will be studying a unit entitled: 'It matters to me, it matters to others'. This will take a Christian, Buddhist and Sikh perspective on what matters in terms of values and emotions.



Learning in science this half term will focus Earth and Space. Hopefully we'll be able to watch Tim Peake return to earth! Children will be learning about the solar system and the properties of the planets amongst other out-of-this-world aspects!



Art - This term we will be looking at the study of landscapes and a number of landscape artists. This will be linked to our rivers topics and will also involve a number of welly walks.



We are excited to be able to offer children in Oak access to Office 365. This is to enable collaborative learning both in school and from home and to allow for greater creativity. Accounts will be monitored within school (we will have access to children's accounts). Username: _____ Password: _____

We are really looking forward to our trip to Barton Hall (18th-20th May) and are thrilled that all children are attending! I will be informing the children shortly of some of the activities but they will include quad biking, canoeing and climbing! SATS week is the week before.

As always, any questions, please feel free to catch me on the playground or email me on CThomas@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk

Mr Thomas