



Oak Class Newsletter

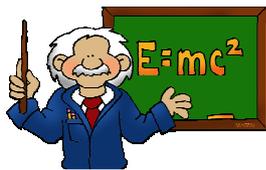
Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another school year. We have already had a busy week in Oak Class getting to know each other and beginning our learning. I am excited to be working with Year 5 and 6 children and, with my team, aim to provide inspirational opportunities which will ensure your child enjoys their learning and reaches their full potential.



During this term we will be studying three texts; our first will be Beowulf followed by Secrets of Stonehenge and then Bethlehem. In all these we will work on understanding different types of writing and then use this knowledge to write extended passages which include vibrant, varied vocabulary and precise, pertinent punctuation.



As always we look at a variety of mathematical concepts and learn how to apply the learning to study increasingly challenging sums. As a school we are particularly interested in ensuring fluent core maths skills and reading and comprehension in maths, aiding the understanding and successful calculating of word problems.



Topic

Linking in with our English studies our topic for this term is the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons with a focus on "How did the Anglo-Saxons influence our lives today?"

PE

Mr Bardot is returning for PE sessions on a Friday and there will be other opportunities for physical activities during the week – please make sure kit is in school at all times. Swimming will start in the next few weeks and there will be a separate letter about this.

In **Science** we will be undertaking a number of different investigations beginning with a light-hearted but scientifically sound bubble investigation. In **Art** we have started looking at the PopArt movement with Andy Warhol, which has already sparked fantastic debate and clear opinions on the nature of art!

The above is just a guideline of the areas of study your child will look at throughout this term. I am happy to talk to parents at any suitable time if you have anything you would like to discuss about your child and their learning. I am available at the beginning and end of the school day. My email is: mdunning@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Marcus Dunning

The greatest oak was once a little nut who held its ground.