

Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017



Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and are all ready for an exciting term. As you should all know there is a new teaching team in Oak this year, none of us are new to the school and we all know your children very well indeed!

- Miss Phillips – teaching Monday and Tuesday
- Mr Dunning – teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Mrs Holohan and Mrs Williams – teaching assistant support all week

ENGLISH				
Over the term we will look at different books using them to focus on particular areas of English. Our first book is 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling and we are talking about the use of language from 'classic' literature. We will study spoken language, comprehension, grammar and composition with an initial focus on direct speech. At all times children are encouraged to produce high quality work of which they can be proud. Please continue to work with your children on reading a wide range of texts at home; books, magazines, kindle etc – everything helps to make sure your child is increasingly familiar with a range of text, presentation and punctuation.				
MATHS				
Our main focus for this term is number work with an initial focus on place value. We are aiming to increase levels of independent learning and working as well as embed and reinforce core mathematical skills and knowledge. Swifter recall will speed fluency and increase confidence.				
SCIENCE				
Electricity – constructing circuits. How components function, brightness of bulbs, volume of buzzers, on/off switches and symbols in diagrams.				
PE				
Mr Bardot will take PE on a Monday afternoon. We will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon and a separate letter will be sent. <u>PLEASE ENSURE PE KIT IS IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES</u> as the weather gets colder you may like to send in track suit bottoms.				
HOMEWORK				
Homework will be set on a Wednesday and should be returned, completed, by the following Monday. There will usually be one piece of English and one Maths but it could vary depending on the learning going on in class.				
TOPIC	MUSIC	FRENCH	D&T	PSHE
World War II in our area	Beat	School life	Lights in dioramas	New beginnings

The information above is only an outline and is therefore not exhaustive. Please come and talk to us if there are any areas of uncertainty or concern. We are often available at the beginning or end of the school day however, it is sometimes better to make an appointment. Our emails are: mdunning@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk; aphillips@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk. When emailing we would greatly appreciate it if you copy both of us in.

Miss Phillips, Mr Dunning, Mrs Holohan and Mrs Williams