



OAK CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful, and restful, holiday and have come back to school ready to tackle a range of new challenges!

EXERCISE

We will continue to exercise every morning Monday to Thursday. Children should come to school in PE kit on Monday and Tuesday as they have PE lessons in the afternoon. PE kit is a green or white T shirt, black shorts/black jogging bottoms and trainers. Please would children not wear hoodies with any logo other than Offwell School (if it is cold they can wear their school sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan).

ENGLISH

Miss Phillips will continue to teach Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) on Monday and Tuesday. Mr Dunning will teach Reading Comprehension and Writing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



We have set the first half term spellings (as we did at the end of last term) and they are attached. The homework sheet will tell you which set to learn. In addition specific spelling homework will be set every other week – see homework section.

Punctuation and Grammar

Lessons will continue with repetition and reminders of areas already covered and new teaching to complete the curriculum.



Reading Comprehension

For the first half of term the focus is on reading comprehension. Last term we were sending home texts for homework but we will now be studying these in class. Children will be taught how to cope with reading large amounts of text and being able to pick out relevant details. We will also look at ensuring they answer the question asked!

Writing

Every week the children will undertake a Big Write. This will have a specific focus and is helpful encouraging children to write freely and expressively in a variety of genre.

MATHS

We will continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme of work which will be supplemented by support and extension sheets as necessary. See attached sheet for breakdown of what will be covered over the term for Year 5. For Year 6 we will be dipping in and out of the timetable to ensure we cover those areas of maths which show the greatest need/lack of embedded learning. Year 5 will continue with Fractions and Year 6 will start with division.

Please continue to work on times tables learning!!

HOMEWORK

We are adjusting the homework system slightly. See separate sheet.

TOPIC: The Vikings. We are investigating the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons and their struggle for the Kingdom of England. We will look at why the Vikings raided other countries, touch on their religious beliefs and look at the Kings of England who tried to defend Anglo-Saxon England.



Other subjects:

Religious Education:	Beliefs and actions in the world. Easter
Computing:	Create Powerpoints to link with Vikings
History and Geography:	Vikings. Who were they? When, why and where did they invade?
PE:	Football and Dance. PE kit must be in school
Art/D&T:	To link with our topic we will be making Viking longships.
Music:	Invasion music
PSHE:	Going for Goals

Year 6 Booster Classes

We will be offering additional classes to all the Year 6 children to help them prepare for the formal testing in May. Please see attached letter which has full details.

Adults to listen to Oak Class children read.

We are keen to put something in place which means our children can be heard read more often during the school week. We wondered if any parents would like to volunteer to come in once a week? The best times for us are:

Monday	2:30 to 3:15
Wednesday	2:30 to 3:15
Thursday	2:30 to 3:15

Would you let a member of the Oak Team know if you are available (we will provide a cup of tea/coffee)?

Attached to this Newsletter are:

- Revised Homework plan
- Complete list of spellings
- Basic weekly timetable
- SATs letter

A very busy term!

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