

Oak Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2018

Dear Children, Parents and Carers

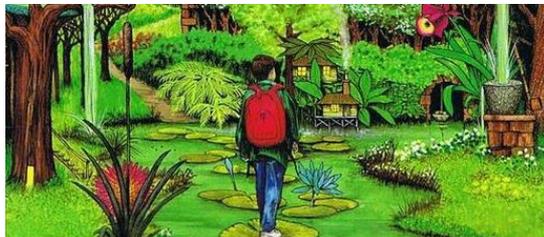


Welcome back. We hope you have all had a good break and are raring to go once again!

ENGLISH



At the end of last term we did a lot of preparation for Youth Speaks. The Year 6 team will be presenting on 11 January and the Year 5 team later in March. All the children contributed to the preparation and learned some vital research skills.



Our first book for the new term is *The Paradise Garden* by Colin Thompson. It is the story of a journey into the soul of a young city boy who finds peace amidst the chaos around him. The noise of blaring radios, honking horns, fighting neighbours, crying babies, and his own shouting mother are driving Peter crazy. His salvation comes in the grounds of a park in the West of the city (Kew Gardens) where he finds shelter from the storm in his mind and a refuge for his weary heart.

We will also be focussing on Reading Comprehension skills and will be sending out spellings in the next few weeks.

MATHS



We will continue to follow the Maths No Problem teaching scheme.

Year 6

- Measurements
- Word Problems
- Percentages
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Area and Perimeter
- Geometry – properties of shape; Position and Direction

Year 5

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Geometry – properties of shape

SCIENCE

Light: Shadow effects, angles, shapes, definition, colour and texture.

PE

Monday afternoon: PE with Mr Bardot.

Wednesday afternoon: PE with Mr Dunning.

PLEASE ENSURE PE KIT IS IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES 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.

RE



Beliefs and questions. Was Jesus the Messiah?

Beliefs and actions in the world. *Judaism and Humanism.*

- How can following God bring freedom and justice?

The journey of life and death. *Understanding Christianity.*

- What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?
- What kind of King is Jesus?

SATS

The annual Year 6 SATs will take place during the week of 14th May. A separate letter will be sent out with full details and we will once again be offering booster classes which will be taken by Mr Dunning and which we would like all children to attend – at the moment these are likely to be after school on a Wednesday but we will send out confirmation shortly.

TOPIC

Ancient Egypt. The topic will encompass learning in Geography, History and Art. We will look at location, climate, the Egyptologists who found many of the tombs and artefacts from which we have learned a great deal. We will also look at hieroglyphs.

We welcome Miss Conlan, student teacher, back to Oak Class this term. She will be undertaking some lesson planning and delivery of different topics.

The information above is only an outline. 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 and also send to admin@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Miss Phillips, Mr Dunning, Mrs Holohan, Mrs Williams and Miss Conlan