



OAK CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to children and families new to Oak Class this term. In this Newsletter we aim to provide you with a general idea of what your child will be doing in class this term – it is not a definitive guide as we may have to extend or amend the lessons depending on how your child learns. As a teaching team we welcome information and help from you about your child and we want to encourage you to let us know how things are going and if there are any ways we can help. We will also do the same and aim to keep you up to date on your child's progress. Please catch us at the beginning or end of the day in the playground or email to make a specific appointment.

EXERCISE

In the mornings, Monday to Thursday, the class will be undertaking some varied forms of physical exercise as this is proven to release endorphins which stimulate the brain and will help with their learning. On Monday your child can come to school in PE Kit for the whole day as we will be running in the morning and doing PE 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 be teaching Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) on Monday and Tuesday and will provide additional support on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Dunning will teach Reading Comprehension and Writing on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



We will begin with the statutory words required (see attached list and note in homework)

Punctuation

We will be ensuring the basics of punctuation are embedded (capital letters, full stops, commas) and then move on to such things as: colons, semi-colons etc.



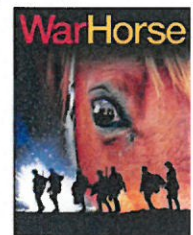
Grammar

Again, we will start with the basics (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs) and, once we are happy the children are confident, move on to more advanced grammar concepts (fronted adverbials etc).



Reading

Our first text is War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We will look at strategies used by authors to create effective writing which encourages children to read.



Writing

Every week the children will undertake a Big Write as well as creating writing based around the set text.

MATHS



We will continue to follow the Maths No Problem scheme of work. See attached sheet for breakdown of what will be covered over the term for Year 5 and Year 6. This may be subject to adjustment depending on the needs of the children in our class.

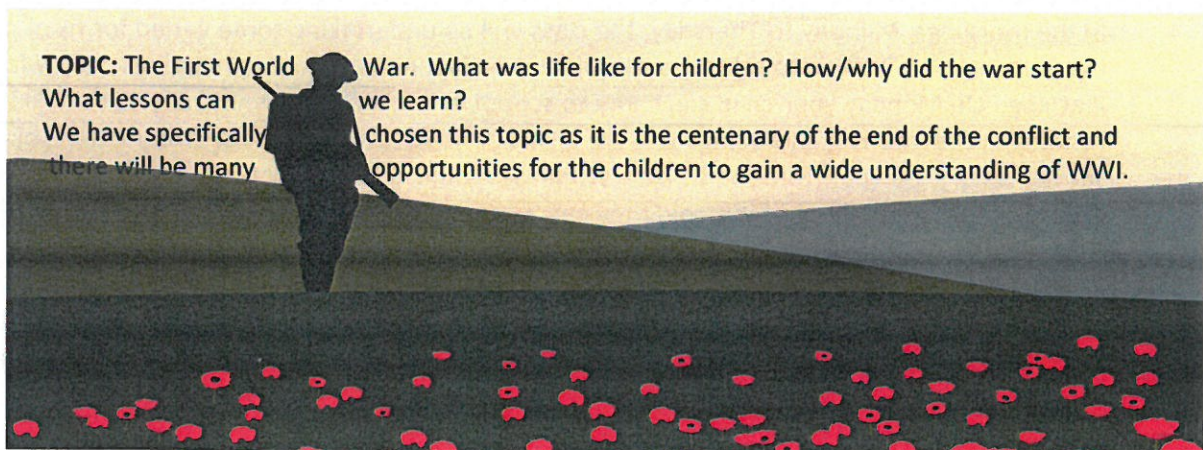
HOMEWORK

Set on a **Tuesday** for return the following **Monday**. We will be setting:

- 10 spellings from the statutory list – these will be tested on the Monday. If the score is less than 7 we will do the test again on Tuesday and so on.
- Mental Arithmetic Paper. These do not need to be timed but it would be useful if you would indicate on the sheet how long the test took and how much support was necessary.
- Punctuation and Grammar. A sheet on either one (or possibly both) will be sent home. This will tie in with work we have been doing (or will be doing) in class.
- Times Tables. It is vital your child can recall times tables facts fluently. Please practise at least 4 times a week. All the tables are required up to 12x12.

Set on a **Thursday** for return the following **Tuesday**.

- Reading. Please encourage your child to read a book of their choice at least 5 times a week for 15/20 minutes minimum each time.
- Reading comprehension



Other subjects:

Religious Education:	Faith and the arts – focus on Buddhism. Harvest and Christmas
Science:	Living Things and Habitats
Computing:	Coding/Game writing
History and Geography:	Connected to our topic
PE:	Invasion Games. PE kit must be in school
Art/D&T:	To link with our topic we will be making ceramic poppies
Music:	First World War songs and Christmas music/songs
PSHE:	New Beginnings. Getting on and Falling Out

Attached to this Newsletter are:

- Complete list of spellings
- Basic weekly timetable
- Maths No Problem overview for each year group

We thank you for your ongoing support, over this important and exciting first term!

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