

## Oak's Spring Term Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas. As the new term begins, I am sure that you will find the information provided in this letter useful.

### \*Curriculum

Oak's spring term topic is South America

	<b>Spring (South America)</b>
<b>English</b>	Biased arguments, balanced discussions, creating different genres, poetry (personification, imagery and shape), SATs revision, SPaG, Journey to the River Sea fiction book
<b>Maths</b>	Mental arithmetic, number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, geometry - properties of shapes, position and direction, statistics, using and applying puzzles and problems
<b>Science</b>	Living things and their habitats and Humans (Circulatory System) (taught by Mrs Dougill)
<b>Geography</b>	South America and Fairtrade products
<b>History</b>	The Maya Civilisation / Aztecs
<b>D&amp;T</b>	Fairtrade products
<b>Computing</b>	Data - Excel
<b>PE</b>	Tag rugby, outdoor activities, Irish dance and Indian Bhangra
<b>Art</b>	Printing onto blocks, textiles adding embroidery
<b>Music</b>	Melodic composition (A River's Journey)
<b>RE</b>	Beautiful World, Wonderful God
<b>PSHE</b>	Healthy Lifestyles (looking at the effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs)
<b>French</b>	Our town, and planning a holiday (taught by Mrs Dougill)

### \*P.E.

These lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. For P.E. lessons, children will need both indoor and outdoor kits. The indoor P.E kit should consist of: a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls. Trainers will be needed for outdoor lessons and a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms can be worn in colder weather.

### \*Homework

Homework will be issued on **Fridays** and will consist of numeracy, literacy and sometimes science activities. This should be handed in by the following **Thursday**. However, children should feel free to hand homework in earlier if it has been completed. House points will be awarded for excellent work. To prevent children from falling behind, any child who has not completed and handed in their homework by Thursday will need to do it at lunchtime. Please keep old homework books to help revise for tests / SATs.

### **\*Reading/help at home**

Helping your child with times tables / division recalling as well as weekly spellings is encouraged. Spelling tests will be given each Friday and times tables' knowledge will help with most aspects of numeracy. Please see the accompanying booklets in the coming weeks which should help with aspects of numeracy and literacy. It is also encouraged that you continue to listen to your child read and question them on their understanding of their book **even if your child is a 'free reader'**. There are many websites where you can read free e-books online which might be nice for you and your child and/or other siblings who might want to read together. [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) is a great site which only requires you to sign up with an email address - perfect to use on a laptop or tablet. Alternatively, type 'free eBooks for children' into a search engine and choose a book to read. Reading any book, magazine or newspaper for pleasure is encouraged so please record this in their reading record but **it is important that, if your child is still not a 'free reader', that they continue their school scheme book too**. Reading records are taken in on a daily basis and house points are given for each day a signature has been recorded from home. It is expected that **at least three** signatures will be in records each week. Special certificates will be awarded to children who have read a lot each half term.

### **\*SATs National Testing**

KS2 SATs will take place **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Please ensure that your child is present for these national statutory tests.

### **\*Class assembly**

We hope that you will be able to attend our class assembly on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Williams and Mrs Routh