

Oak's Spring Term Newsletter 2018

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.

*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. As you are aware, we introduced Accelerated Reader during the autumn term with great results. It is still encouraged that you continue to listen to your child read and question them on their understanding of their book. After reading the book the children take a quiz and need to try to score at least 8 out of 10: certificates are given for 100% and prizes for achieving 10, 15, 20 and 25 100%s given out at the end of term!

*SATs National Testing

KS2 SATs will take place **14th-18th May 2018**. 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 12th January at 2.45pm.**

*P.E.

These lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. 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.

Ms Melia has now begun her maternity leave. Mrs Kitt will now teach the class one day a week to cover and this will be on a **Wenesday**.

If you wish to see me about any matters that concern you, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or come in to see me in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Williams and Mrs Routh

First half Spring Term (World War Two continued)	
English	Biographies, reports, creating settings/descriptive writing recounts/diaries, poetry (vocabulary building & imagery), Diary of Anne Frank, recounts based on WW2 DVD, Goodnight Mister Tom
Maths	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
Science	Animals including the human circulatory system Electricity Light
Geography	World maps, capital cities, UK rivers, mountains & seas, topographical features, map skills / grid references
History	WWII, Hitler & The Holocaust
Computing	Communication & E-Safety
PE	Football, Gymnastics, Dance
Art	Blitz Art
Music	Compose, rehearse and perform Christmas carols
RE	Judaism (WW2, Holocaust, Anne Frank)
PSHE	Discrimination, Budgeting
French	Our School, Telling the Time, French History & France at Christmas

Second half Spring Term Spring (South America)	
English	Biased arguments, balanced discussions, creating different genres, poetry (personification, imagery and shape), SATs revision, SPaG, Journey to the River Sea fiction book
Maths	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
Science	Living things and their habitats and Evolution
Geography	South America and Fairtrade products
History	The Maya Civilisation / Aztecs
D&T	Fairtrade products
Computing	Data - Excel
PE	Tag rugby, outdoor activities, Irish dance and Indian Bhangra
Art	Printing onto blocks, textiles adding embroidery
Music	Melodic composition (A River's Journey)
RE	Beautiful World, Wonderful God
PSHE	Healthy Lifestyles (looking at the effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs)
French	Our town, and planning a holiday