Oak Class Curriculum Update

Spring 2022









Literacy:

Our two books that we will study this term are 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. Both books deal with mature topics and provoke great discussion with the children. Mrs Beers will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar, on a Friday morning.

Spellings:

Children will learn a new spelling rule every Friday during Literacy lessons. Weekly tests will be held on a Friday. Half-termly overviews are produced and given out at the start of each half-term. The spelling rule, words to be tested on, helpful hints, and exception words are given for each week. There are two separate spelling groups this term; however, all children will receive the same teaching in class to ensure they cover all spelling rules throughout the year, they may just be tested on different words.

BEDROCK:

Children should be completing two sessions per week. This will be checked on a Friday and, again, they can receive certificates in celebration assembly for the efforts.

Numeracy:

During the Autumn Term, children will focus on angles, co-ordinates and shape, fractions and percentages and statistics. Mrs Beers will be teaching decimals and measurement on a Friday morning.

Times-Tables:

Children should practise their timestables regularly. Children will practise their tables three mornings a week in class, focussing on different timestables each week. They have the use of TTRS and should be using this regularly to support their work in school and can receive certificates in celebration assembly for the efforts.

Topic:

Our topic this term is World War 2. The children will learn about why WW2 began and understand the key events of the war, the importance of the role of women, how people adapted to deal with rationing of food, petrol and other goods, and why children were evacuated and to empathise with their position. They shall also understand the events of the holocaust and this can evoke emotion in the children; however, this will be taught appropriately and will consider the maturity and age of the children.

P.E.:

P.E. Days are Wednesday and Thursdays. This term we are focussing on Hockey, Dance, and Basketball. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and clean kit (for all weather) each session. There is limited spare kit available.

NATURE SCHOOL:

Children will also be participating in 'Nature School' sessions on a Thursday afternoon for the first half term. Children will need long sleeve tops, jumpers, coats, waterproofs, wellies, extra socks, hat, gloves and a scarf.

Science:

This term in Science children will study the topics 'Light and Shadow' and 'Electricity'.

During the topic 'Light and Shadow', children will learn about how light travels in a straight line, how we see things, and how shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them. When learning about 'Electricity', children will look to understand how components function (depending on their position in the circuit) and also recognise symbols when representing simple circuits.

Key Stage 2 Rotation:

Monday afternoons see our year 3-6 classes engage in 'enrichment' activities. These include Music, R.E., French and Computing. For this half term they will be studying:
RE (Creation Stories) and Computing (Excel).





PSHE:

This term we will be our new scheme for PSHE in 'Jigsaw'. Our focus this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be encouraging the children to stay motivated when things our challenging, have a positive attitude and to work well in a group. Next half term's theme is 'Healthy Me' where they learn to make healthy choices, stay active and to have 'healthy' relationships. Children will learn about these in assemblies and in PSHE lessons.