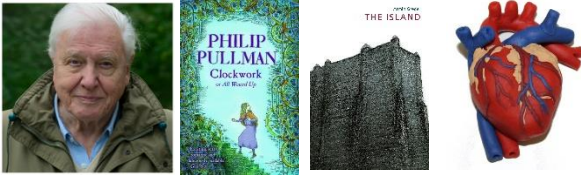


Oak Class Curriculum Update



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer 2022



Key Dates:

Oak Class Crucial Crew - Friday 20th May / Class Photos - Wed 22nd June,
Oak Class Play 'Darwin Rocks' 22nd/23rd June / Residential Trip to
Kingswood - 26th-29th June / Sports Day - Friday 8th July / SVCS
Induction Days 11th-13th July / Leavers Assembly Wednesday 20th July

Literacy:

In Literacy lessons, we will focus on reading comprehension skills and test technique in the first two weeks, prior to the **SATs w.b. 9th May**. After this, our books that we will study this term are 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman and 'The Island' by Armin Gredder. Both books deal with mature topics and provoke great discussion with the children.

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, they can receive certificates in celebration assembly for the efforts.

Numeracy:

Again, children will focus on arithmetic taught methods and recap previous learning prior to their **SATs w.b. 9th May**. However, during the Summer Term, children will then focus on converting units of measure, proportion and percentages and statistics.

Times-Tables:

Children should practise their times-tables regularly. Children will practise their tables three mornings a week in class, focussing on different times-tables 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 'Extreme Earth'. Children will focus on the current geological age known as 'Anthropocene' and learn about the life of David Attenborough. They will also look at preventing waste, different types of renewable energy and where energy comes from, and how its use affects the planet. After half term, children will learn about the earth's crust and plates and how earthquakes are formed, in addition to studying tsunamis, tornadoes and volcanoes.

P.E.:

P.E. Days are Monday and Tuesday afternoons. This term we are focussing on striking and fielding games and athletics, in addition to swimming. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and clean kit (for all weather) each session. There is limited spare kit available. During the Summer Term, children will also need a hat and sun cream that they can apply themselves.

SWIMMING:

Swimming lessons for years 5 and 6 are beginning held at Abbeycroft Leisure in Haverhill, commencing on Thursday the 28th of April. Children will need to have in school on this day a suitable named swimming costume (one piece or rash vest for the girls, and trunks not shorts for the boys), a swimming hat, and a towel all in a waterproof bag. Earrings should not be worn on these days and goggles may be worn if required.

Science:

This term in Science children will study the 'Circulatory System'.

Children will learn about the function of the heart and lungs, what makes a 'balanced diet' and investigate the impact exercise has on our heart rate.

As part of their learning, children will have the wonderful opportunity of watching a heart dissection in science. The heart dissection will take place on **Thursday 5th of May**. A letter will be sent to parents with further details and a permission slip which will need to be signed for the children to take part.

Religious Education

Our topics this term in RE are 'Justice and Freedom' and 'Freedom'. Children will read a range of stories from different world religions. They will learn about key figures in history and human rights movements.

Key Stage 2 Rotation:

Monday afternoons see our year 3-6 classes engage in 'enrichment' activities. These include Music, P.E., French and Computing.

PSHE:

Our areas of focus this term is 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. We will look at building positive, healthy relationships and coping positively with change. These units will cover internet safety and sex education. Although children are taught in same sex groups, all children will cover the same content - we understand these issues can be sensitive and recognise the presence of the opposite sex a barrier to discussing certain areas of development. Further details are available on request.