

# Oak Class- Spring 2



## Welcome

Welcome back everyone!  
I hope you all had a great February half-term break.  
Please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter for a breakdown of important dates for this half-term for Oak Class.

Oak Class will continue to take part in a weekly cycle of Forest, Gardening and Beach Schools. Please catch me if you have any questions about anything at all!

## Science

Our KS2 science topic this half term is 'Why do we group and classify living things?'  
In this area of science, Oak Class will explore the characteristics of living things: plants, animals, micro-organisms and even be given time to learn about how scientists discover and name new species!

## Maths

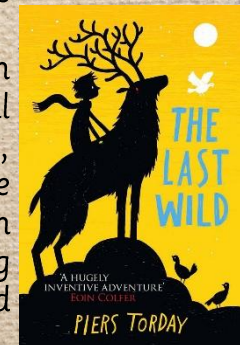
In Oak Class, children will continue to develop their arithmetic, reasoning and problem-solving and oracy skills. Each day, children will practice varied timetables and complete year group focused arithmetic questions to support their mental maths. In our Maths lessons this half term we will be covering: *negative numbers, area and perimeter, fractions and percentages.*

## Geography

This half term we will be focusing on Geography and Why Oceans Matter. Throughout this topic, we will learn about the oceans of the world, The Great Barrier Reef, the issues oceans face and what we can do to help our oceans. We cannot wait to tie our learning in Geography into an interactive and interesting school trip to The Deep on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## Writing

This half term we will begin our new class book, *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday. This story shares the joy of friendship between animals and humans. We will write formal reports, character descriptions, diary entries, formal letters and narrative writing. Alongside this, children take part in daily lessons in grammar spelling and punctuation. Spelling lessons are differentiated between Year 5 and Year 6.



## Art & DT

In Art this half term, we will be continuing to create our final drawings to demonstrate perspective, shape and scale in our sketch books. We will also be partaking in our Design and Technology objective, structures and mechanisms.

## RE /PSHE

In Oak Class this half term, our RE focus will explore the big question: 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save people?' This topic is aimed to allow children to make thoughtful, thought-provoking inputs to work through the content of the lessons and come to a conclusion to the question.

## Music

Our focus this half term in our music lessons will be all about Composition to represent colour. We also can't wait to perform the handbells and the chimebars at Eskdale Festival on 10<sup>th</sup> March (in school time) as a class!



## French

Our learning in French this half term is to understand how to describe the weather in French. We will take part in French speaking and listening and have opportunities to write sentences in French.

## Computing

Our learning in computing will focus on a mixture of computing skills, such as secret codes, the importance of creating strong secure passwords, computers of the past, as well as futuristic computers. Oak Class will listen to audio adverts to record and edit adverts for future computers!

## PE

Every Tuesday, Oak Class will be taught PE by Hawkes Health.

This half term, Oak Class will have an **ADDITIONAL PE slot of dance**. Please ClassDojo for confirmation of the day of the week for this session.