

Oak Class- Spring 2



Welcome

Welcome back everyone!

The Summer Term is here and it is always a busy one with lots of fantastic learning ahead of us.

Please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter for a breakdown of important dates for this half-term for Oak Class.

The 2026 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place from Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May. A Year 6 fun, treat breakfast club will be held by Miss Groombridge from 8:15 on SATs week in Oak Class. Breakfast and drinks will be provided.

Maths

In Oak Class, children will apply arithmetic through 10 daily questions and develop their reasoning and problem-solving and oracy skills in every lesson. Children will practice varied timetables questions to support their mental maths. In our Maths lessons this half term we will be covering: ***fractions and percentages, statistics and the mean average, ratio and proportion.***

History

For Summer 1, we will be focusing on history. Our topic is The Vikings! This is an exciting topic as our topic will investigate the question: 'How do we know so much about Viking York?' We will learn about York's importance to the Vikings, the artefacts, merchants, traders and architecture left by the Vikings in York. We can't wait to get started and learn about history relevant and nearby to us.

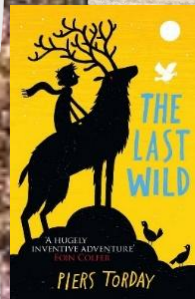
Science

Our KS2 science topic this half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance.' In this topic, we will learn about how living things have changed over time, similar but non identical genetics, inherited characteristics and animal adaptations, including learning about the biologist Charles Darwin.

Writing

This half term we will be continuing on Last Wild by Piers Torday, this captivating book will allow us to build up to write our own narrative stories. Alongside this, children will take part in daily lessons in grammar spelling and punctuation. Spelling lessons are differentiated between Year 5 and Year 6.

As we move through the Summer 1 term, we will be moving onto our next class book: 'Some Places More Than Others.' This book will give us a stimulus to write persuasively, use humor through writing, write poetry, recipes and biographies.



Art & DT

In Summer 1, our focus this half-term we will be Design and Technology electrical systems. Throughout this topic, we will explore and tinker with electrical systems, participate in the design process, construct and make our own designs and evaluate and discuss our outcomes.

RE /PSHE

In Oak Class this half term, our RE focus will explore the big question: 'For Christians, what kind of King is Jesus?'

This links to our previous learning about Salvation in RE, and explores Christian beliefs as a king of his people. The unit challenges to the children to think critically, aswell as reflect and respond to big questions.

Music

Our focus this half term in our music lessons will be all about South and West African Music. We will learn about traditional compositions, play parts of the tune and create some pieces of our own inspired by South and West African Music.



French

Our learning in French this half term is to explore the French world. We will discover the French speaking countries, and learn how to give and follow directions in French.

Computing

Our learning in computing will refine our key use of computing skills, such as: the importance of creating strong secure passwords and the use of editing. We will also take a trip down memory lane in our topic of the history of computers!

PSHE / RSE

In the summer term, children will take part in RSE lessons as part of the PSHE curriculum. The areas covered for are: Year 5 – Puberty for boys and girls, and conception

Year 6 – Puberty for boys and girls and understanding conception to birth of a baby.

We will also complete our My Happy Mind curriculum alongside this, covering: Engage, Be Your Best and Safe Relationships.