

Spelling practice will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday-please support and encourage your child to practice their spellings regularly.

Year 6 pupils will also be given some **SAT's revision** in order to prepare them for the tests in May. 20 minutes a day will be reserved for supporting year 6 with revision-they will be encouraged to ask for help in areas that they are finding difficult.

Please encourage your child to **read** regularly -sharing books and reading to your child is a great way to build enthusiasm and enjoyment in reading.

English:

Our focus texts for this term include: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, Dear Green Peace by Simon James and Poems from a Green and Blue Planet.

We will be using these texts to inspire our writing. The writing genres we will be focusing on will be: Newspaper Reports, Poetry; sections/chapters of narrative to develop including dialogue, describe settings and create mood, build tension and show not tell the characters emotions; and we will also write persuasive and balanced arguments.

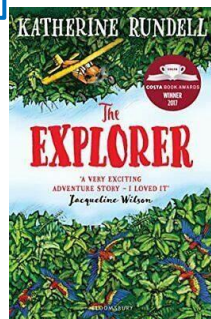
The year 5/6 grammar skills will be taught through our writing and we will practise daily grammar, spelling and reading skills.

Science In Spring half term 1, our science topic The Human Species. The children will learn about the circulatory system, healthy life styles including drugs and investigate the effects of exercise on the body.

In Spring half term 2 our topic is about light. The children will learn, explore and investigate: how light travels, reflection, refraction, shadows and the color of light.

Oak Class

Spring Term A Watery World



PE- PE is every Friday afternoon. Please can children bring their PE kits in on a **Monday** so that we can practice for additional sporting events throughout the week.

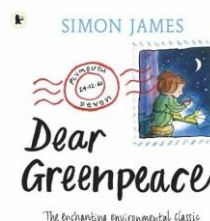
History/Geography

The History and Geography topic for the term is A Watery World. We will be learning about the formation of rivers and their journey to sea, the water cycle and erosion. Our visit to Bempton Cliffs will support this and we will visit a river on the moors in the summer term with Tanya Eyre. We will also look at some local events from the past involving erosion and learn about the types of boats used in our area.

Maths

Year 5 pupils will start the term by learning about fractions. They will practise finding equivalent fractions and learn to compare, add and subtract fractions with different denominators. They will then learn the efficient method for multiplying a 4 digit number by a 2-digit number and divide using the bus stop method.

Year 6 pupils will develop their knowledge of fractions by simplifying, comparing adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing mixed numbers and any fractions. They will then move onto learning about ratio and algebra. Everyday, they will practise building their speed and accuracy at answering arithmetic style questions and their mental maths focus will be on calculating with decimals, fractions and percentages.



PSHE: Our theme will be "Keeping Safe." This will include teaching on drugs, addiction and the law, e-safety including mobile phones and photo sharing, and alcohol.

RE: This term we will be following the North Yorkshire planning guidance to teach the topic: "What it means to be a Muslim in Britain today."

Art and DT: Painting and Mixed Media

French: Revision and Cher Zoo Le Petit Dejeuner

Computing: Systems and Searching Databases

Music: Year 5: Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival)