

Oak Class Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

English

In English this half term we will continue to focus on 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt, followed by 'Can we save the tiger?' by Martin Jenkins which will link to our work in Geography. We will also be continuing our class novel, 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden.

Maths

In maths, we will be working on multiplication and division (both short and long), and then fractions. **It is essential that all children know their times tables with instant recall up to 12x12. Please support your child in accessing TTRockstars regularly.**

History

Our World War Two topic has been a huge success in the first half term, so much so that we have decided to continue this into the second half of term. We will be continuing to focus on the Home Front from 1939-1945.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing with exploring forces, and properties and changes of materials.

Music

Oak Class will continue receiving weekly brass lessons from Mr Alldridge from the Shropshire Music Service on Wednesday afternoons.

P.E

PE will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. We will be continuing with netball and dance.

Geography

In our first Geography topic we will be learning about tropical rainforest biomes. We will be learning about their ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as the effects of deforestation.

Computing

In Computing, we will be finding out about vector images, and how images are created in layers. They will explore the ways in which images can be grouped and duplicated to support them in creating more complex pieces of work.

Art

In Art, we will explore the work of artists such as Baker, Lorimer and Blomfield who designed war memorials. We will be investigating the features of different memorials before designing and sketching our own in pencil or charcoal, and then creating our own finished piece in paints or pastels.

We will then be investigating the work of Henri Rousseau and creating some rainforest-inspired artwork.

R.E

In RE, we will be investigating People of God, including considering the Ten Commandments and the story of the Exodus.

Home support

- Times Table Rockstars – please practise as often as possible (logins in back of reading record)
- Spelling Shed – online spelling platform. Spellings will be set online on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Please access the games as often as possible (login in back of reading record).
- Reading – please ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Reading records are checked weekly and the expectation is 3 entries per week as a record of what your child is reading (this can be completed by the child).

Welcome to Autumn 2!

We have had a brilliant first half term back at school and the children have settled well back into the school routines. There are some exciting activities happening this half term, including marking UK Parliament Week (this week!) and Christmassy activities as the festive season draws closer. If a child or bubble has to self-isolate, remote learning will be provided via Microsoft Teams (please see the letter from Mrs Johnson sent at the end of last half term). If you haven't done so already, please also download the Class Dojo app so I can share your child's achievements and communicate news and notices with you swiftly.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Carr (Class teacher)
Mr Andrews (Teaching assistant)