

Curriculum Information



Oak Class
Autumn Term 2 2022
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Sparkles and Stars Our topics for this term are...

Why do we remember famous characters in history like Guy Fawkes?

History – The children will listen to the story of the Gunpowder Plot and discuss the reasons why this event is remembered. This will link to finding out about the history and structure of the Houses of Parliament.

Art - The children will begin to practise line drawing leading to a drawing of the House of Parliament. They will also learn collage techniques.

Computing – Digital Art Opportunities to reinforce e-safety will be ongoing and we will continue to use programs to support our classroom learning. Our focus will be digital art with the children creating pictures of fireworks as well as the festivals they are learning about. They will learn to write text, save, retrieve and print their work.

Geography - Around the World (The Oceans & Continents; The UK) The children will use maps and atlases to locate the UK, the Continents and Oceans. They will be asked to bring in any relevant items they may have at home to create 'continent' boxes.

Science - Plants & Seasons Pupils will consider the parts of a plant, what a plant needs to stay healthy and where different plants grow best. Pupils will continue to use the school environment to plant bulbs and observe how they grow. We will also observe the seasons as they change.

Other subjects

P.E. Modified Team Games with Newcastle United Foundation (**Fridays**) and teacher-led P.E. on a Thursday (Please wear PE kits to school on these days).

P.S.H.E. Celebrating Differences ; Pupils will learn to understand that differences make us special and unique and take part in anti-bullying week.

Music We will be learning the songs for our Christmas Nativity and Christingle.

R.E. The children think about why religious people have festivals and explore and recognise the many ways to celebrate, for example: Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas.



English/Read Write Inc Phonics Programme

Children in Oak will also continue with the Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics Programme working in small groups to consolidate set 1 and 2 sounds and to learn set 3 sounds and reading and writing sentences. Children secure in all sounds will continue their English learning with a focus on developing their reading and comprehension skills, grammar and punctuation.

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts. This half term, we intend to explore stories and non-fiction, and use vocabulary related to our learning in Science, the Gunpowder Plot and Around the World. *You can find specific objectives for the half-term and texts on your class page of the school website.*

Mathematics:

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. Children will then move on to explore addition and subtraction.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

This half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction.

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The children will also benefit from the continuing Mastering Number project which aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. We spend around 15 minutes each day (in addition to our usual Maths session) following the programme using a variety of resources (including the new Rekenreks) to secure our good working number sense.

Homework & Spellings **Weekly tasks and spellings will be detailed in the Home Learning section of our class page on the school website. The children all now have their Numbots usernames and password and these same details can also be used to access Times Table Rockstars.**

Spellings: Spellings will be set and tested each **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise these regularly.

Reading: Our weekly guided reading sessions is on Wednesdays and Thursdays so children will need to bring into school their reading book and record on both of these days. Please listen to your child read as much as possible and comment in their record.

Additional items required in school

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle each day and a coat, gloves and a hat for the colder weather. Thankyou to everyone who has already provided wellies for their child as they need these to access the field in wet weather. Please could all uniform be named, in particular jumpers, cardigans and shoes!

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns.

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