

Curriculum Information



Oak

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Feel Like Celebrating!

Our topics for this term are...

Let's Celebrate

R.E. - Children will find out about the celebrations of Christmas, Diwali and Hannukah. They will learn about the stories and traditions linked to these celebrations

Plants

Science - Pupils will identify the difference between bulbs and seeds and learn what bulbs need to germinate and mature. Pupils will use the school environment to plant bulbs and observe how they grow.

Kandinsky

Art – Children will find out about the life of Wassily Kandinsky as one of the first Impressionist painters and explore the idea that he painted according to feeling rather than just by what he saw. Children will have a go at recreating famous Kandinsky paintings and create their own painting based on a given theme.

Digital Art

Computing - Children will create and use brushes and stamps in art packages. They will use these to create artwork related to different celebrations (such as Rangoli or Christmas) that include repeating patterns.

The Gunpowder Plot

History - Children will learn about The Gunpowder Plot, including the reasons for the plan, the people involved, what happened on the day of the plot and the events that followed.

Other subjects:

<u>P.E.</u>	Football and Team Games
<u>P.S.H.E.</u>	Health and Wellbeing
<u>Music</u>	Christmas Nativity Performance



English:

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 celebrations. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

You can find specific objectives for the half-term 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 also explore shapes, measurements, position and direction.

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, money and multiplication.

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Homework & Spellings

Weekly Tasks: Each Friday, your child will be set a homework task. This may be a written piece, some research or an online task from Sumdog or School 360.

Spellings: Spellings will be set and tested each Friday.

Mental Maths: Times tables and number facts will be tested on a weekly basis. Please practise these regularly with your child at home.

Reading: Please ensure your child has read in time for their weekly Guided Reading session so that they are able to participate fully. It also helps us out enormously if you have written a comment in their reading record each week. Please tell us if your child has found their reading book challenging or too easy. In addition, you could record their ability to understand the text and answer any questions you may have asked.

Children from Oak Class will read on either a Tuesday or Thursday – this will be specified in your child's reading record.

Other ways of helping your child:

- Visiting the library to look for books to support our topic.
- Using the Internet to research our topic.
- Discussing what has been taught at school.

School Closures

Here are some suggestions for activities in the event of a school closure:

- School 360
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- Keep an illustrated diary of your day at home

We would be extremely grateful for donations of:

- Spare PE kit

