



Curriculum Newsletter
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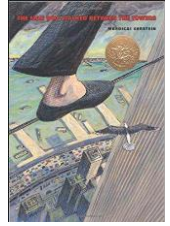


Oak Class



Literacy and Topic

This term we will be studying *The Man Who Walked Between The Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein. The children will explore how a real-life story has been portrayed as fiction. They will consider a diary entry found written by Philippe Petit and will write letters of advice to him. The children will write a first person recount as the main character, using figurative language to describe feelings and scenery. As witnesses and reporters, they will create newspaper reports for *The New York Times*. Finally, the children will gather everything that they have learnt about Philippe Petit and write a biographical account of his life. The grammar and punctuation strand will focus on relative clauses, using commas in clauses, linking ideas with adverbials of time, using brackets and dashes and finally the children will learn to use modal verbs and adverbs of possibility.



Maths

We will be using the 'Mastery Approach' to mathematics. The children will start by learning about short division. They will then go on to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will learn about equivalent fractions, ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and improper fractions. Following the work on fractions the children will learn about decimals; they will round and order decimals. Finally, the children will learn about percentages; they will investigate the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages, calculate 10% and 1% of a quantity and draw pie charts. The children will also take part in maths investigations and problem



solving challenges. Please ensure your child learns the times tables up to 12×12 .

Science

During this term we will be learning about 'Forces' and 'Space'. We will carry out investigations and find out about forces such as gravity. The children will then learn about the Solar System, planet, stars and seasons.

French

This half term the children will focus on their basic conversational vocabulary and learn how to communicate with each other in French. They will learn vocabulary associated with days of the week, months of the year and food. They will also learn about the geography and culture of France.

PE

This half term we will be learning how to play football; the sessions will be delivered by a coach from the FA Lidl Skills programme. The children will also take part in The Move and Learn Project led by Derby County Community Trust; they will learn about the importance of physical activity and build an awareness of the importance of a healthy diet. We recommend a pair of jogging bottoms in addition to your child's shorts to keep them warm during the cooler months. The children may also bring in a pair of trainers for sports outside.



Reading

In Key Stage Two, reading is taught in daily English lessons and group guided reading sessions. The reading books your child brings home are to enable your child to further practise and consolidate his or her reading skills. With your support, your child will learn to read with confidence, understanding and expression. We would like you to support your child to read his or her home reading book every day, where possible. We aim to change reading books every day if they have been read, so when your child has read the book, please indicate this in the blue School Link Diary in order that the book can then be changed. If your child reads other books at home, please add these to the School Link Diary to ensure that this captures a full record of your child's home reading experience. We also ask that your child logs on to Bug Club at least on a weekly basis and completes the tasks set, this will support them in improving their reading comprehension skills.



Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday morning at 9 am. The weekly spelling test will also take place on Friday (unless otherwise stated). New spellings are distributed on Fridays. The children are also expected to use Bug Club to read books and answer comprehension questions and to practise the times tables up to 12×12 .

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Preston and Mrs Neild