

Oak Class Newsletter – Spring Term

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Oak Class. The Y5/6 team hopes that you had a very merry Christmas and have started the new year happy and healthy. As always, we will be on the gate or at the door before and after school so please come and see us with any concerns or questions; we are always available to help or sort out problems. Thank you for the generous contributions to the class parties and staff presents, they were all gratefully received.

PE and Forest School

PE – Weds and Fri. Please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is in school on both days.

Forest – Thurs. Again, please ensure full kit (including waterproofs and wellies) are in school on that day.

Both PE and Forest form essential parts of our school curriculum in the same way that maths and art do, so please help with the organisation of kit to make sure pupils can get the most out of all these sessions.

Reading and home learning

Reading: Please try to read daily and fill in planners as often as possible- it makes so, so much difference to learning in class!

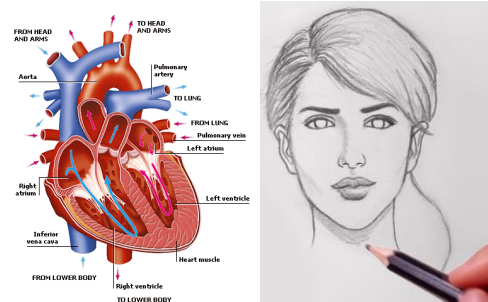
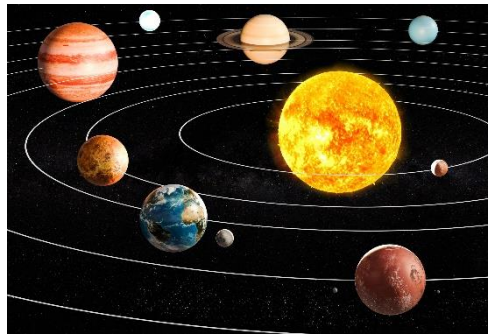
Maths: 1 piece of maths per week to be completed by Thursday

GPS: 1 piece of grammar, punctuation and spelling per week, to be completed by Thursday.

SATs Tests

This term, there will be a carefully planned focus on preparing our Y6 pupils for the SATs tests in May. There may be extra home learning or booster sessions that your child is invited to. They will have been specifically asked because we believe that this activity or booster will really help their confidence and prepare them for the tests so please try to help pupils engage with all activities (including reading at home).

We will of course ensure a carefully balance over the next two terms, to support children to thrive in all areas of primary school life and enjoy a wide range of opportunities.



Our topic this term:

Extreme Earth



This half term our class are going to be...

Writers (Literacy): This term we will continue reading our class book 'The Beast and the Bethany' and starting our Bookfest projects. We will be writing diaries, explanations, narratives, and persuasive arguments.

Mathematicians (Maths): We will recap number and place value before moving to Fractions, decimals and percentages and how to convert between each. Then algebra and BODMAS and a focus on area and perimeter (with Y6 also looking at volume).

Geographers (Geography): We will be looking at the causes of extreme weather phenomena and natural occurrences such as volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes.

Scientists (Science): Initially, we will focus on the solar system, the orbits of the planets and the phases of the moon. After half term, we will focus on the body's circulatory system and the functions of the heart, lungs, veins and arteries.

Techies (Computing): During this term, we will look at databases and how to use them to recall information about our topic.

Athletes (PE): This term, we are going to be focusing on Netball in PE.

Theologians (RE): We will be comparing the story of creation to the scientific theory of the Big Bang and discussing whether the two theories conflict or complement each other.

Good citizens (PSHE): We will predominantly be focusing on how exercise, along with diet, can help keep us healthy. We will also look at the effect of pollution on our World.

Artists (Art): We will be focusing on specific artistic skills such as sketching and upscaling illustrations, as well as looking at the sketches of Leonardo DaVinci and drawing self-portraits.

Creators (D&T): Our project this term will involve designing and creating an electric 'steady hand game'.

Linguists (French): This term we will be focusing on describing the solar system and different types of weather in French.

Musicians (Music): We will be focusing predominantly on performing types of African music and songs.