



Oak Class Newsletter Spring 2025

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Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a wonderful and restful break. This term, the children will continue to build their knowledge, skills, confidence and resilience, as we work towards a smooth transition to secondary school.

Please can you continue to do the following:

- Ensuring their PE kit is in school every day (outdoor trainers, black shorts, white t shirt, black joggers and black jumper for winter). The children will be expected to come to school in their uniform every day. On PE days, they will change into their P.E kit in school. **Our PE days are on Thursdays and Fridays.**
- Reading and signing your child's planner. This must be in school **every day** and signed by Friday each week. This will help with transition to secondary school - ask your child about our stamps system.
- Sending your child to school with a water bottle every day. Please only fill your child's bottle with water.
- Ensuring they get plenty of sleep so they are refreshed every morning and ready for a day of learning.
- Keeping your child on track with their homework and ensuring they bring it to school on time-this will be recorded in their planner.
- Listening to your child read at least three times per week - please ask them questions about their

In English, we will be writing:

- A postcard
- A recount

Topics will involve:

- Ensuring perfect punctuation in every sentence
- Logical organising of paragraphs
- Linking introductions to conclusions
- Descriptive language
- Persuasive language
- Ensuring our sentences make sense
- Pushing ourselves to use ambitious and sophisticated vocabulary
- Learning grammar and spelling rules

Spelling

Your child will be practising phonics, spelling rules and their own personal spelling mistakes. This will happen regularly each week. They will bring home spellings to learn each Friday and will be tested on Fridays. Children can use spelling shed to practice their spellings.

Reading

We will be working on our reading comprehension during our reading lessons. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and ask them questions about what they are reading. We expect reading to be signed by an adult at least 3 times. Children will have access to our school library and book corner if they wish to borrow a book.

In mathematics, we are learning :

- Decimals - converting, multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting.
- Fractions, decimals and percentages - converting, multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting.
- Ratio and Proportion
- Algebra including simple formulae and missing numbers
- Measurement - area, perimeter and volume
- Statistics
- Explaining and reasoning using words, diagrams and symbols

We will also be developing our assessment skills and filling any gaps in knowledge as we prepare for our SATs test.

It is essential that your child knows all of their times tables and division facts up to 12 X 12. They need to be confident to recall in any order across the tables. Please support and encourage your child with this.

Some of our other topics:

Science - Circulatory system and classification

Computing - Variables in games and introduction to spreadsheets

Art and DT - Mayan weaving and bridges

Geography- Trade routes and Fairtrade and latitudes and longitudes

RE - What do Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection?

PE - Tennis and skill focus

PSHE - Life changes and safety and the changing body

Some foundation subjects objectives will be covered in Summer term as we continue to prepare children for their KS2 assessments.

Homework

The children will be set the following homework each week. In order to prepare children for high school, we ask that homework is completed each week and is handed in on time. Please support your child with this and message me on Class Dojo if there are any access issues.

Maths -An activity to consolidate learning. **Set Friday, due in following Friday.**

Reading - reading for pleasure (at least 3 x per week) with your child will greatly benefit their progress in school.

Spelling - this could be an investigation into spelling rules, learning words with a particular phoneme, learning tricky words for a new topic or learning words that your child has spelled incorrectly in their general work. Spellings set each week and tested each week. **Set Friday - tested following Friday.**

Other - this could be some research or writing to help any topic area.

Useful websites for learning at home:

www.spellingframe.co.uk Year 5 and 6 - some children will need to look at Year 3 and 4

www.spellingshed.co.uk - children have individual log ins for this

www.mathsframe.co.uk

www.ttrockstars.co.uk - children have individual log ins for this

www.mymaths.co.uk - children have individual log ins for this

Dates for your diary:

20.01.25	Author visit James Campbell
W/B 27.01.25	National story telling week
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
11.02.25	NSPCC online safety event at PHGS for parents and carers
Feb TBC	Y4 trip to Leeds City Museum - Romans exhibition and a mosque
17-21.02.25	Half Term
05.03.25	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
07.03.25	World Book Day
14.03.25	Red Nose Day
03.04.25	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)