



Oak Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Number Day

2nd February 2024

Safer Internet Day

7th February 2024

World Book Day

7th March 2024



General Class News:

The Oak staff team are very excited to welcome Oak class back after the Christmas break and we hope that you have all had a restful festive break with your families.

This half term we are looking forward to preparing for our new school production and beginning our new units in our lessons.

We have been very impressed with Oak class in year 8 and, as a result, pupils have earned lots of house points for showing our school values of kindness, resilience, aspiration and independence. We look forward to seeing how many more house points Oak class will earn this term!

Maths

This half term Oak will be starting with money recognising coins and notes and making £1 and finding change. The pupils will then move on to multiplication and division looking at equal groups, grouping and sharing, arrays, multiplication and division facts for different times tables. Please encourage your child to do Prodigy or play times tables games at

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

English

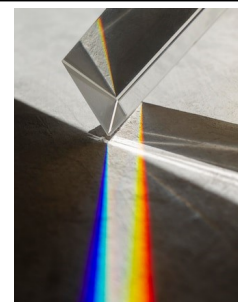
This half term we are going to look at advertising. We will look at adverts and make up some of our own! We will also create our own jingles and practice the art of persuasion. Later in the term we will work on stories around the theme of change. Pupils can practise their phonics and suffixes at this website: www.phonicsbloom.com

RSHE

This term we are going to look at managing feelings around romantic attraction. We will consider how emotions change as we grow and we will explore the physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty. Students will learn about reproduction, conception and fertility. We will also learn about the importance of consent and different types of relationships.

Science

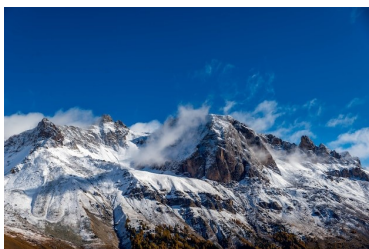
This term we will look at electricity. We will work on circuits and we will compare current flow. We will also look at ray diagrams to model how light passes through different materials.



PE

This term Oak class will be practicing for the school cross country race and enjoying being outdoors in our beautiful school grounds. We will also play handball and gymnastics. We will try our hand at some racket sports and explore some dance exercises such as aerobics and Zumba!

Other subjects:



Oak class will be learning all about Asia in Topic. We will see how the Himalayas influence the weather and how China became such an economic powerhouse! We will also learn what it's like to live in Japan where they have frequent earthquakes.

In RE we will learn about Buddhism— including the true meaning of karma and how humans can be happy. In Art we will explore the work of Pablo Picasso and create 3D pieces using ceramics. In Cooking we are going to investigate the different uses of rice and pasta in national dishes. Outdoor Learning will see us preparing the ground for planting ready for spring and in Music and Drama we are going to learn the story of *Plastic Pirates* (our new school play!) and look at developing characters, using scripts as well as composing music and using our imagination.



Other useful information

If you have a spare moment please do have a look at Oak's class page on the school website:

<https://sidestrandhall.org.uk/oak>

There you will find photos and details from our trips, information about who won our 'star of the month' award, copies of newsletters and more details about our curriculum.