

# Oak Newsletter Summer Term 1 2023-24



Dates for your Diary:

## **Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May

## Kingswood Residential (Y8 & 9)

Wednesday 15th May -Friday 17th May

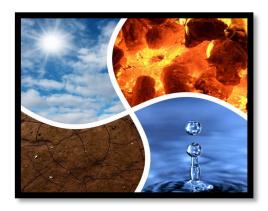
#### **Half Term**

Monday 27th May -Friday 31st May

## **General Class News:**

Oak class are looking forward to making the outdoor classroom area look even nicer this half term now that the sun is peeking through more and more!

We are also excited for Strandfest and the theme of the elements.



### Maths

In Mathematics Oak class will be learning about fractions. This will include finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and objects. They will also learn the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and begin to find three quarters of shapes/objects. Following this the pupils will learn about time, focusing on half past, quarter past and quarter to and the nearest five minutes. Please encourage your child to use Prodigy to consolidate their learning in class.

## English

In Literacy students will be initially looking at play scripts. They will have a chance to read some and do some drama around them. They will also get a chance to write some of their own. They will then move on to looking at texts from other cultures and traditions. They will read stories and poems and be able to recall details from these. This will help them to gain an understanding of a world outside their own.

## **RSHE**



We will focus on what makes and impacts a healthy lifestyle including the importance of sleep. We then explore Mental Wellbeing and its link to physical activity and how it's important to seek help if needed. Students will then learn about drugs, alcohol and smoking with a focus on health impacts, the law and vaping. We will cover keeping safe online, in particular social media and finally how to react and cope in emergency situations.

#### Science

This half term we will be starting our biology units which will predominantly focus on how living things move. We will cover topics such as the skeletal system, the muscular system and how these two work together to allow us to move. The students will have the opportunity to take part in various experiments related to these topics.

#### PE

In the first half term, Oak Class will be practising their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. They will learn to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing as well as developing balance, agility and coordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

## Other subjects:

In Topic Oak will finish off their Asian topic and then move on to learning about the Suffragettes, who they were and why they were so important!



Oak will examine the creation story in RE and talk about whether this is similar or different to scientific theory.

In Art Oak will study surrealists and will create their own 3D fantasy animal!

In cooking we are going to be using pulses and beans to make tasty, wholesome food and in Computer Science we will explore programming!

#### Other useful information

Please continue to read with your child at home and to log any reading in planners. This earns Oak pupils a house point every time so will really help with their house point totals as we head into the last term of Y8.

