



Oak Class

Welcome to the new term. We hope you had a restful holiday and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be writing non-chronological reports about China. We will explore a range of organisational devices used when presenting information as well as developing our use of punctuation for parenthesis and to mark clauses.

We will write instructions and explanations using science as our focus for this work.

The Eye of the Storm will be our stimulus for the narrative focus this term and will allow the children the opportunity to incorporate diary entries and a range of formality and tense shifts in their writing.

Focused comprehension and SPaG sessions will continue weekly.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop the children's understanding about the number system and place value to include larger integers. We will develop the connections between multiplication and division with fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will develop their ability to solve a wider range of problems, including problems demanding efficient written and mental methods of calculation. Teaching and learning will also ensure that the children classify shapes with increasingly complex geometric properties and that they learn the vocabulary they need to describe them. The children will cover the topics of measure, position and direction, as well as opportunities to compare data.

Science

This term we are going to light up the world with circuits. We will be investigating the different circuit components, fixing broken circuits and making our own single and parallel circuits. The children will be using their circuit knowledge at the end of the topic to create a 3d light up model.

PE

The children will enjoy swimming lessons at Corby East Midland International Swimming Pool. On a Monday we will be focussing on dance and linking the music to our topics. On Friday afternoons they will work with Liam from Premier Sports completing PE enrichment activities.

Music

We are excited about Young Voices next week and look forward to dazzling our family and friends who are able to join us in Birmingham.

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Let's Play African Drums



Gideon Malitskie from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust will be working with year 5 and 6 throughout this term. These sessions will give the children (and staff) an enjoyable musical experience, helping us learn how to become really good musicians.

RE

Thank you to Mrs Keeley who has organised the 'Bedford Faith Tour' trip on 28th February to support this term's RE focus. Our topic this term is 'People of God'. The children will explore why Christians see the Christian church as the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God.



PSHE

We will continue learning about British values and what this means to us. We will also be focusing on the PSHE topics 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be Me'.

Art

In our art sessions we will be creating our own willow patterns and using water colour to recreate some Chinese art styles.

Computing

The children will be coding and completing the following objectives:

Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts;

Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output.

Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

Geography

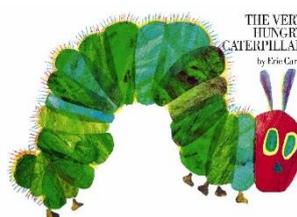
In this unit of work, we will be investigating the geographical features of the continents and exploring where China is. We will look at the physical and human features of China and some of its regions.

History

The children will learn about the Shang dynasty of China; who the Ancient Shang people were, where and when they lived. They will also learn about the role of the king, the religious beliefs and rituals of the Shang people. The children will examine a range of Shang artefacts and draw conclusions about what they can teach us. The unit ends with a look at the remarkable discovery of the first intact Shang tomb which belonged to the military general and high priestess Fu Hao.



DAY 10



The children all worked so well on our first Day 10 project linked to our school values, and achieved some wonderful outcomes. At the recent Head Teacher's Conference, our Day 10 work was shared and highly praised, and this term we will be visited by a number of heads of local schools to see the Day 10 work in school.

This coming term we are all excited about our new Day 10 unit which we have called 'LOVING LITERACY'. We hope that the children will enjoy a range of creative activities linked to all aspects of Literacy, and that we will encourage them to read more widely and write even more creatively. The unit will also link really well to the Oundle festival and to World Book Day, and we will look forward to sharing our work with you as the term progresses.



We will be planning and writing group stories, creating settings and characters and taking part in book quizzes in our library. The children will also have the opportunity to share and review favourite books and poems, and to write some poetry of their own.



Homework



All homework will now be set on a **Thursday** and is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. The children will be tested weekly on a **Thursday** for the quick recall of maths facts and their spellings. Please support us by helping your child to practise these at home.

HOMework

It is so important that your child discusses their reading at home. Please ask them to describe a character to you, retell the events of the story or write a review of a book. It is also important for children to develop the ability to scan a text for information at a greater speed and regular reading helps supports this.

Kind regards,
Miss Kirby, Mrs Bull and Mrs Hill