

## Oak Class Newsletter Term 4

Hello and welcome to the term 4 newsletter for Oak Class.

Firstly, a huge thank-you for all your support over home learning. It certainly was a very challenging time, but everyone coped admirably and it was so lovely to see the childrens' work and keep in touch, if remotely. The children have bounced back into school with real resilience and it's beginning to seem like a distant memory!



English: In English lessons we have been continuing our unit of work on Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant. The children have been reading aloud in class and it is really evident that many of them have done lots of reading over lockdown as their confidence has grown impressively.

In writing lessons, the children are re-establishing previous writing standards. We are really considering the careful use of vocabulary, extending the complexity of sentences and thinking about presentation.

Topic: Our Geography topic on the Rainforest has come to an end, the children were surprised to find a rainforest had grown in the classroom during their absence, complete with a menagerie of animals and artefacts.

In P.S.H.E. the children continue to think about "Being Myself" which has been a useful springboard to think about the effects lockdown has had on them. Our termly focus on "Hope" has helped the children think ahead to better times to come.

Maths: We understand that there have been some steps in learning which our pupils need to consolidate further due to the lockdowns. If pupils found or are finding areas of maths tricky, then please encourage them to talk to myself or Mrs. Hale and not to worry. Following national advice, we are working hard to develop a strong recovery curriculum in Maths for the Summer term which ensures key concepts are embedded and that pupils are ready to progress to their next year group by the end of the year.

Art: We conclude this term with an art project which explores natural forms using a range of media. We will have the opportunity to look at the work of Cezanne and Matisse and try our hands at printing.



May I wish you and your families a very peaceful and relaxing Easter. As we hopefully return to some form of normality, let's hope that we can once again enjoy the sun.

Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Hale.