

## Oak Class Newsletter Term 5

Hello and welcome to the term 5 newsletter for Oak Class.

As we march towards the Summer, things are definitely seeming to take on an air of normality. Sports coaching in rugby has resumed which the children really enjoy and gardening club has started.

Within core subjects this term, our focus is on ensuring pupils are *ready to progress* to their next year group. Due to this, lessons (especially English and Maths) may be structured differently. Teaching will be focused on key skills with lots of practical, hands-on activities. In some cases, this will include revision of previously taught content. This will help us to develop and further embed content which was taught across the two lockdowns and ensure pupils are ready for next year.



The children are thoroughly enjoying our English writing topic, "How Do Bees Make Honey?" building upon knowledge learned from the wonderful 'Bee Story' musical most children performed two years ago. We are learning about the fascinating process of how bees collect nectar and use special enzymes in their second 'crop stomach' to make the liquid nectar into tasty thick honey. The children are practising a verbal recount of the sequence that takes place in order to support their writing later in the unit. Please encourage your child to explain to you in detail what the process entails.

In whole class guided reading lessons, Oak are studying 'The Riddle of the Runes', an exciting adventure story about a Viking detective girl. As well as practising reading fluency by taking turns to read aloud, the class are learning new vocabulary, and deepening their understanding of the author's craft. Parts of the setting and events in the novel will be revisited later in the year when we study Vikings in history.

The PSHE topic this term is 'Aiming High'. After thinking about the things that matter to them, the children will learn about the behaviours and attitudes that are best at helping us to achieve our goals in life.

You should have received the knowledge organiser for our current science topic on States of Matter, which involves lots of practical investigation and later in the term, we will be looking at the science of plants linked with an art topic on fruits and vegetables.

A reminder that P.E. is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We endeavour to always set homework, Readwriter spellings and Mathletics on Fridays for the children, with the expectation that it is completed for the following Friday.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs. Locke, Mrs Chapman and Mrs. Hale.