

Oak Class Term 1 Newsletter

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What have we been doing in class this term?

English

In English, we have been reading Ted Hughes' *The Ironman* together. Children have been working on developing their descriptive writing, working on similes and expanded noun phrases. We have written character descriptions and have re-written part of the story from a different point of view.

Maths

In maths, both year groups have been working on number and place value, most notably on rounding numbers. Year four have been working with numbers up to 10,000 and year fives up to a million. This week, we have begun to focus on addition and subtraction skills.

History

We have been learning about royalty, particularly significant monarchs since 1066. We have studied and compared the reigns of William the conqueror, King John, King Henry VIII, Queen Anne, Queen Victoria and finally our Queen, Elizabeth II. Children have been working hard to write letters to The Queen, which we will post next week with a short trip to the post box. We hope to receive a reply!

Art

Our art unit has a focus on bodies. Pupils have been working on drawing skills with different resources such as pen, felt tips and charcoal. Next week, we will be sculpting using clay.

Other Subjects

In PE, children have been focusing on team games and have been having great fun improving cricket skills with coaches from Wiltshire Cricket. In RE, pupils have been learning about Buddhism, asking if everyone can be happy all of the time. Finally, in PSHE we have been exploring relationships, thinking about important people in our lives.

Science

We've all been learning about forces in science. After all learning that forces are all pushes or pulls, Year 4s also have been focusing on magnets, whereas year 5s are exploring different types of force (air resistance, friction, gravity, buoyancy) in more detail.

See some pictures below of our science in action!



School Council Elections

School council elections will take place before the end of this term. All pupils from years 1 – 6 are welcome to stand. If your child would like to stand for election, then they will need to prepare a short speech to their class next week about why they would make a great school councillor. Pupils have already been informed of this in assembly on Monday.

Homework

Homework is looking good, with lots of children embracing EdShed. Oak Class' participation and results are looking wonderful. Homework consists of EdShed assignments (*at least 2* spelling games and 1 of each maths game - look for the red notifications); 3 adult signed reads recorded in the reading record; and practising times tables. There's a week to complete homework activities so that pupils can talk to their teacher if they are struggling.

If pupils are struggling to access online homework for any reason, please let us know. We can arrange alternative provision if necessary.