

Oak Class Term 4 Newsletter

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What have we been doing in class?

English

This term in English, children have been reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty with Mrs Fitzsimmons, focusing on reading aloud and inference skills.

Linked in with our Christian value of *perseverance*, pupils have learning about the achievements of Danny MacAskill who realised his childhood dream of cycling up a mountain. Pupils have been working on their narrative writing skills with a focus on using 'show not tell' to express emotions. We are currently looking at creating atmosphere within our writing.

Throughout this term and last, pupils have also been developing their essay writing skills, answering our key questions they have explored in subjects such as science, geography and history.

Maths

Both year groups have been working extremely hard in maths, having started developing fractions knowledge and skills.

Year fours have been looking at what makes a fraction, whilst reviewing tenths and counting in tenths. They have been focusing on developing finding equivalent fractions, which is so important for further fraction learning.

Year fives have been working with mixed numbers and improper fractions and have just started comparing and ordering fractions both less than, and greater than 1. They are using diagrams to aid them in this effectively.

To aid in this, pupils should keep up that practice of times tables whenever they can – Maths Shed and Mathletics can help with this.

Science

Our current Science topic is *Light*, which contains lots of great investigations and enquiry. So far, pupils have explored light and dark, reflective surfaces, mirrors and sun safety. Coming up is an opportunity to make and investigate interesting shadows.



We had great fun on World Book Day!



Geography

Our new topic for geography is *all around the world*, where pupils will be learning about describing positions on our globe. They will learn to describe using knowledge of hemispheres, latitude and longitude, co-ordinates, the meridian line and the tropics. They will also explore different time zones, which will lead into a future science topic which looks at *why* we have time zones.

Other Subjects

In RE, we are understanding Christianity further, asking the question: *What kind of world did (does) Jesus want?*

In PSHE, we are learning all about how to be positive. So far, we have talked about recognizing negative thoughts and swapping them for positive thoughts. Next, we will be exploring how our feelings may change over time, look at calming strategies and discuss how we are in charge of our thoughts.



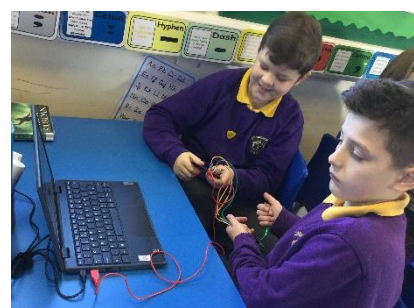
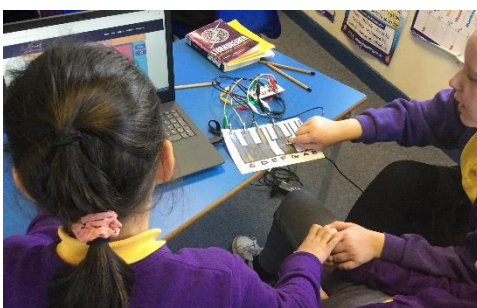
In PE, the class have started a new unit on gymnastics – this week, pupils developed partner balances. Our second lesson of the week focuses on hockey.



In French, we will be learning phrases to help describe our friends and family, including lots of discussion around masculine and feminine pronouns.

We are also busy practicing for the Lions concert (virtual event), where we will be performing two songs related to the theme of *Heroes*.

Last term's Conductive Music Workshops were a great mix of music, computing and science!



Knowledge Organisers

Remember to look out for blue folders in book bags – these have an overview of each topic we will be learning in class and are updated regularly.

Homework

Homework consists of EdShed assignments; 3 adult signed reads recorded in the reading record; and practising times tables (target Space Mission Maths 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.