

Oak Class Newsletter

April 2016

Welcome back Oak Class!

We hope you had a lovely break over the Easter holidays. This half term we will be looking to the outdoors in our 'In the Garden' topic. As spring settles in we will look for seasonal changes and welcome the minibeasts in our wonderful outdoor area. We will continue to work hard on spelling. By the end of Reception most children should be able to spell simple words in sentences. By the end of Year 1, the National expectation for spelling is to spell most of the common exception words and the days of the week. Please make sure you are using the Support for Spelling Pack at home to help your child to achieve this.

Our school topic for this half term is: In the Garden
Our enquiry question is: How does your garden grow?

English

This half term we will be learning about traditional tales and writing our own tales. We will begin with Jack and the Beanstalk; creating our own stories and growing bean plants. Now that we have built (and are continuing to build!) a solid foundation in phonics we will be applying our sounds and exploring new vocabulary through stories. The year 1 children will continue to learn about how to use punctuation correctly.

Maths

This half term we will begin with measures; how long are the giants feet in Jack and the Beanstalk? Which item is heaviest in Red Riding Hood's basket? How many cups of porridge fit in a small bowl? We will also continue to develop our understanding of number and talk about how we have solved problems to deepen our understanding of calculations.

Topic

When we discussed this topic before the holidays the children were very keen to find out about minibeasts; different types of minibeasts as well as where they live. They were also keen to grow plants. Through the children's initial interests we will be learning about habitats and what plants need to grow. We look forward to creating our 'Garden Centre' and looking for mini beasts in the outdoor area.

PE

In PE this half term we will be doing outdoor games. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a Thursday and Friday.

As the weather is improving please make sure your child still has a coat in school every day as we do go outside even in the rain!

PSHE and RE

This half term we will be learning about Safety, one of our Core Values. This will include home safety, garden safety, sun safety and e-safety.

In RE we will be exploring the Buddhism faith. We will be looking at the Buddhist way of life and consider reflection in the outdoors.

How to Support at Home

Please continue to support spellings at home.

Look for minibeasts when you are out and about and/or grow a plant at home.

Reminders

Our library visit will be on Friday. Your child can choose/change a library book.

Please ensure children have wellington boots and waterproof coats for Welly Wednesday.

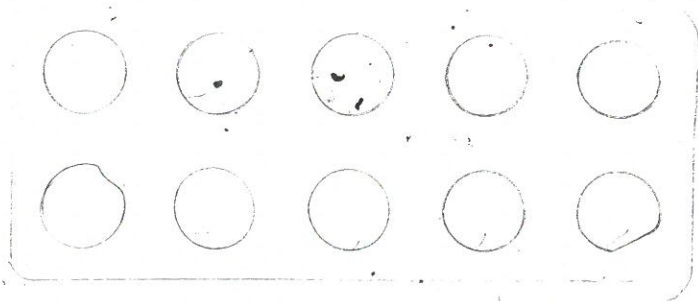
Please make sure that uniform is clearly named.

Class Dates

Maths Café (Y1) –
Monday 25th April
9.05am – 10.00am
Sharing assembly –
Friday 6th May
9.05am – 9.30am
Reading Café (YR)
Monday 9th May
9.00am – 10.00am

Work Examples – Fluency and Reasoning with Number

Each half term we are sharing with you some work from the class that demonstrates the new National expectations. This half term we are demonstrating some of the thinking required by children about numbers. To support at home, you could use this activity beginning with a different focus number.

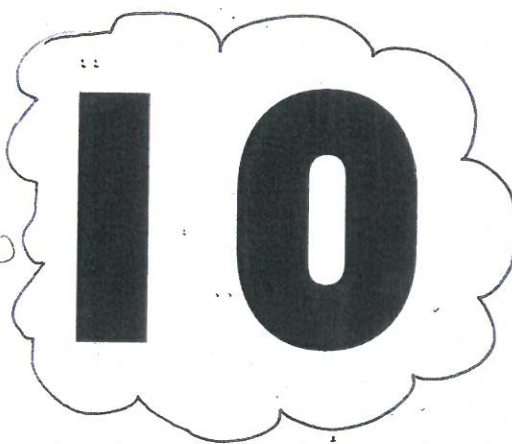


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