

Oak Class Newsletter

June 2016

Welcome to our final class newsletter of the year!

We hope you had a lovely break over the half term holiday. Oak class loved the In the Garden topic last half term. The children (and teachers!) learnt some fascinating facts about minibeasts! Did you know that ladybirds' spots fade as they get older? The children were keen to plant their own beans and ensured they were watered daily. We were also lucky enough to see the butterfly life cycle first hand. On Friday 13th May we celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday with a fantastic tea party with the whole school on the field, we sung Happy Birthday and 'blew' out the 90 candles! This half term we are looking forward to our Flight topic and our trip to Duxford!

Our school topic for this half term is: Flight

Our enquiry question is: Which is better at flying: a bee, a kite or a bird?

English

In English we will learn more about our topic through non-fiction books and explore a range of flight related stories. The reception children will continue to develop their letter formation and sentence writing. The year 1 children will be writing series of sentences to develop stories and non-fiction writing. We will also listen to and write summer related poetry.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, solving multiplication and division problems and continuing to develop our understanding of number. The children are keen to learn about plane speeds and heights so we will also explore these areas. As always the children will be encouraged to talk about how they have solved a problem.

Topic

Through this topic the children are keen to learn about who invented planes, how they fly and how paper aeroplanes fly. We will be learning about the Wright Brothers and the amazing Amy Johnson, who was the first woman to complete a solo flight from Britain to Australia. What an adventure! We will also be making our own planes using junk modelling resources and paper. The children really enjoyed investigating different ways of making minibeasts move. This time we will be challenging them with axles and wheels!

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! Please also ensure your child has a sun hat in school and that sun cream has been applied.

PSHE and RE

This half term we will be learning about Changes; the way we have changed since we started in Oak class and the changes to come.

In RE this half term we will be focusing on Christianity and stories from the Bible linked to water.

How to Support at Home

Please continue to support spellings at home.

Please continue to read with your child. Our tree is looking very healthy!

Reminders

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

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure children have sun hats in school every day.

Please make sure that uniform is clearly named.

Class Dates

Maths Café (Y1) –
Wednesday 22nd June
2.00pm – 3.10pm

Reading Café (YR)
Tuesday 28th June
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Work Examples – Phoneme Families

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 our phonic work where the children have made choices as to which grapheme (written sound) represents each phoneme (spoken sound). To support at home, you could spot phonemes with different graphemes in your child's reading book as part of their daily reading.

