

# Oak Class Newsletter

April 2017

## Welcome back Oak Class!

We hope you had a lovely break over the Easter holidays. Last half term we had an exciting time exploring Spixworth, finding out about the new NDR road and trying to catch the Gingerbread man!

We are very excited to be kicking off this half term with Science week. Throughout this week we will be doing lots of thrilling experiments – how wonderful! After this we will be travelling back to prehistoric times to learn all about the dinosaurs.

We will continue to focus on improving our spellings this half term. By the end of Year 1 the national expectation of spellings is to accurately spell the days of the week and to spell most of the common exception words. We have been working on the spellings we send home each half term in school, if your child has been practising them at home as well they should be well on their way to achieving these expectations.

Our school topic for this half term is: Dinosaurs

Our enquiry question is: If you were a dinosaur which one would you be?

### English

This half term we are focusing on poetry and dinosaur stories. 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 be exploring coins and using money in calculations. We will start by recapping on place value and working with numbers to 100 (Year 1) and 20+ (Year R). 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

This half term we will be finding out about dinosaurs! We look forward to our exciting trip to the Natural History Museum to get up close to dinosaur skeletons! We will also be studying life cycles, food chains and habitats to help us to design our own zoo. Later in the half term we are going to have a go at building our very own volcano!

### PE

In PE this half term we will be continuing with gymnastics. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a Thursday.

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 exercise and healthy eating. We will look at different food groups and think about how to keep ourselves healthy.

In RE we will be deepening our knowledge of the Judaism faith and finding out about the Buddhist faith.

### How to Support at Home

Please continue to support spellings at home.

Have a go on Maths seeds – if you need help with your login just ask Mrs Jackson or Miss Thompson.

Can you make your own dinosaur fossils from salt dough?

### Reminders

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

Please ensure children have welly boots and a coat for forest schools on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please make sure that uniform is clearly named.

### Class Dates

8<sup>th</sup> May – Maths café (Year 1)

15<sup>th</sup> May – Reading Café (Year R)

19<sup>th</sup> May – Oak class assembly

26<sup>th</sup> May – Visit to the Natural History museum