

Oak Class Newsletter

April 2019

Summer Term!

We hope you had a lovely time over the Easter break. What a half term we had before Easter! We all had a wonderful trip to Norton Dairy farm finding out about the milking machine robot, learning about the crops grown and meeting the baby calves! We also grew some fantastic beans - the tallest in the school! Science Week led to us exploring the environment around us within the school grounds and finding out about where our food comes from. This half term we are looking forward to finding out about Magical Monsters with some exciting visitors moving into Oak Class!

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.

Mrs. Heley and Mrs. Jackson

Our school topic for this half term is: Magical Monsters

Our enquiry question is: Where are the wild things?

English

In English, we will be reading 'Tadpole's Promise', we will explore the story through drama, story maps and finish with writing our own version of the story.

We will then move on to looking closely at non-fiction texts and write our own non-fiction booklets.

Reception children will also continue to develop their writing skills through story scribes and immersive writing in our indoor and outdoor environment.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to learn about the different strategies that can be used for addition and subtraction.

Through our 8 week project we will explore how we can demonstrate addition and subtraction using different objects. We will also be exploring place value to 100 using money, weight and capacity as contexts.

We will also continue to develop our understanding of number and talk about how to solve problems to develop our fluency and reasoning skills.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This half term we will be finding out about Magical Monsters – from a tiny caterpillar to a gigantic elephant! We will learn songs about animals in music, find out about animals around the world in geography and study animal artwork in Art sessions including Matisse's The Snail. In Science, we will be taking a closer look at animals by studying the families they belong to and begin to identify animals by where they live and what they eat.

Reminders

We will have a library visit every Friday.

We have had a few jumpers and cardigans go astray recently. Can book bags and PE bags please be checked so they can be reunited with their owners.

Thank you!

How to Support at Home

Please continue to read every day with your child at home. – This half term we will be holding our annual reading raffle.

Don't forget Mathseeds and Tapestry, both excellent ways to practice and show your home learning.

If you have any problems logging on please come and see the class teacher.

Please continue to practise spellings at home and bring completed sheets in for our Spelling display!

Class Dates

Reception Reading Café –
Wednesday 15th May 9-10am

Year 1 Maths Café – Thursday
16th May 9-10am

Parent Forum- 30th April
2:45pm

Monster Maths Day : Friday
24th May

Our current 8-week project focuses on the use of concrete objects to support Mathematical understanding. Here are just a few of the examples of how we use objects to support learning in Maths in Oak Class.

