



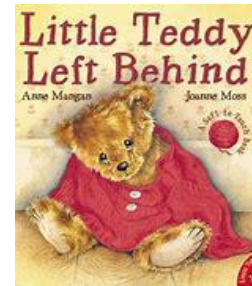
Oaks Curriculum Overview Term 1



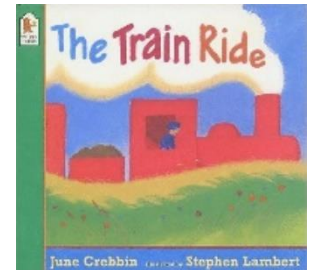
Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Year 2s and a warm welcome to our new Year 1s. We know this - transition term is going to be especially challenging for the year 1s, as they adjust to the new big class, more independent learning and more formal lessons. We will try to ease the children in gently as we understand what a big change moving to Oaks brings.

English Writing: We will begin with the story **Little Teddy Left Behind** by Anna Mangan and follow this with **The Train Ride** by June Crebbin. We will break down the books into small chunks and the children will be 'stacking sentences' about each part before writing their own piece independently.



Maths: The Can Do Maths programme breaks down our maths learning into small manageable steps. The Knowledge organiser for Year 1 and Year 2 learning is attached. Both year groups will begin with a focus on number and place value.



Numbots and TTRock Stars: Numbots will now form the maths homework for KS1. Numbots is especially suitable for both Year 1 and 2 and practises the important mental maths skills in addition and subtraction. 5-10 minutes recall practice really does make a difference

and we strongly encourage the children to do this 4 times a week. Each month we will award certificates in Wow worship to those that have passed Numbots levels. TTRock Stars is available for Year 2 to help them begin to learn their tables. The requirement for tables is that children in Year 2 know the 10x 5x and 2x table by the time they leave Key Stage 1. Log in details are the same for both programmes and will be in reading records.

Geography: What is it like to live in Ogbourne? We will be finding out about our school and local area.

Science: Biology: Animals including humans – Basic needs and growth

PHSE: Me and my relationships

Art: Craft and design – Map it out - Using mixed media to represent our area.





Music: How can we make friends when we sing together? We will be learning a harvest song.

French: We will 'go to France' each week – learning how to introduce ourselves and say how we are feeling. In our first lesson we will be making passports.

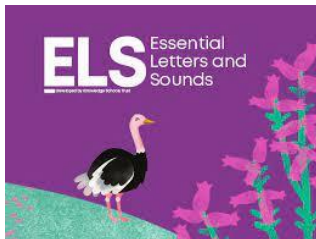
RE: Creation – who made the world? **Worship:** Our worship will be based on the theme of **Love**

PE – Children should have PE kits in school all week and bring home on Friday. PE sessions this term are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This term Tuesday sessions will be gymnastics indoors and Thursday sessions will be Invasion games outdoors. These will be led by the visiting sports company.



Home/School Reading: Please **bring book bags into school every day.**

Children will take them home each day. This is to ensure good habits as they go up the school. Books will continue to be changed on Thursday and children will bring the bags back on Friday after this change. Please do continue to read the two decodable books 4 times per week at least as we are really working on building fluency. This in turn will lead to better comprehension of texts and therefore enjoyment. We do



read and appreciate your comments in reading records so please do try to mark your reading journey in these. Book bags will also contain a file with any phonics that would benefit from being reviewed at home please. Children will be doing paired reading in class during most phonics sessions.

Correct pencil grip



Shared reading: We will be sharing many picture books from our class library. These have been selected for breadth of styles, quality of writing, and links to other areas of work this term.

Phonics: We will begin each day with a phonics lesson Year 1 will be continuing with our ELS programme – revisiting phase 5 this term. Year 2 will be starting the new ELS spelling programme.

Handwriting: In Oaks the children begin the cursive handwriting style – with all letters starting on the line. We will be teaching this in phonics lessons. This is difficult to keep an eye on all the time in class so if you have the opportunity at home to check pencil grip especially – it would be very helpful.

Indoor shoes: In Oaks we kindly request that children have an indoor pair of shoes in school – these can be daps or similar that live in a named bag on their pegs. Once the rain starts shoes get very muddy indeed! To keep our reading mat clean, we have



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a no outdoor shoes rule. Indoor shoes make it all much easier for moving around school.

Class communication: We will now communicate upcoming and past events through the weekly newsletter. Class specific information will come via email. If you have a question for us we will be available in the playground after school or drop an email to letters@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk and it will be passed to us.

With good wishes

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