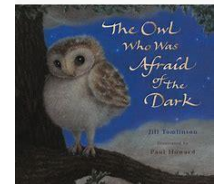


Oaks Curriculum Overview – Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely half term. Here is the Oaks curriculum for Term 2:

English Writing: We will begin with a non-fiction unit of work called **Toys of the Past**. We will follow this with story writing based on **The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark** by Jill Tomlinson. 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. They got off to a flying start in Term 1. We are very excited about how their writing is progressing.



Maths: The Can Do Maths programme breaks down our maths learning into small manageable steps. The Knowledge organiser for Year 1 and Year 2 Term 2 learning is attached. Year 2 are also learning their 2x 5x and 10x tables including division facts.



Numbots and TTRock Stars: Numbots now forms 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 to children's number fluency 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 can be found in reading records.

History: How have toys changed over time? We will be visiting Trowbridge Museum on Friday 10 November as part of this learning. We have also asked the children to bring in a favourite toy from home – labelled with their name. If you have older toys we can look at it would be very helpful. We will take great care of these artefacts.

Science: Biology: Living things and their habitats.

PHSE: Valuing Difference. We will also begin the My Happy Mind programme.

DT: Mechanisms: Wheels and axels. The children will be designing and making a push along vehicle.



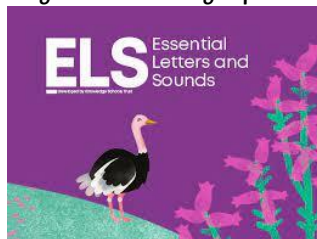
Music: We will be learning the songs for our nativity which will be Prickly Hay – A Nativity Hoedown.



French: We will 'go to France' each week. The children are really enjoying these trips and can already say their names, how they are feeling, hello at different times of the day and numbers to 10. We will start to learn colours this term.

RE: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? Worship: Our worship will be based on the theme of **Friendship**. We will also be doing Picture News and learning about a current event in the context of British Values.

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 dance indoors and Thursday sessions will be striking and field games outdoors. These will be led by the visiting sports company.



Home/School Reading:
Please continue to **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.

Shared reading: In term 2 we have an author focus on the stories of Hans Christian Anderson.

Phonics: We will begin each day with a phonics or spelling lesson. Year 1 will be continuing with phase 5 of our ELS programme. Year 2 will continue the new ELS spelling programme.

Handwriting: In Oaks the children have begun the cursive handwriting style –with all letters starting on the line. We teach letter formation in phonics lessons and throughout the day. Pencil grip is harder to keep an eye on all the time in class so if

Correct pencil grip





you have the opportunity at home to check pencil grip especially- it would be very helpful.

Indoor shoes: The weather is getting colder and wetter. 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 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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