

Oak Class Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great start to the academic year in Oak Class during term 1 and can't believe it is term 2 already!

English

The children enjoyed our English focus in term 1 on Roald Dahl's *The Minpins*. We have some great descriptive paragraphs hanging across our room and there is also a new display of the children's own version of *The Minpins* which they wrote and have published.

In term 2 we will be exploring fairy tales and will write our own version of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. After that we will be doing some writing inspired by our Film Festival trip to the Stag Theatre on Friday 17th November. Later in the term we will also become poets and write some of our own image poems.

Maths

Last term we covered a lot – time, addition, subtraction, place value and money with lots of problem solving with Mr Hawkins on Mondays. This term we will be covering fractions, decimals for the year 4 children, multiplication, division, shape, angles, statistics and length. We have a lot to do and learn before Christmas!

Science

In term 1 the children thoroughly enjoyed our science unit on electricity. We did lots of practical work making simple circuits, circuits with switches and circuits with buzzers. The children wrote some very clear instructions on how to make a circuit and for DT they even designed and made their own torches with a partner. This term we will be learning all about the science of sound.

Topic

Due to our swimming lessons in term 1 we are a little behind in our topic work but we have been catching up on our geography topic about the human and physical features of the United Kingdom this week. When we have finished that we will move on to more geography, learning about our European neighbours.

Recorders

As we don't have swimming this term we will be having music on Friday. **Please remind your child to bring their recorder on a Friday.** I have been very pleased with how well the children have been playing already. I hope if they have been practicing at home it hasn't been too ear piercing!

Other messages

On the week of the 27th November to 1st December I will be away in Australia to attend my brother's wedding. Mr Hawkins will teach the class on Monday and a supply teacher will teach Oak Class for the rest of the week.

Regards,
Mrs Troth