

# Oak Class Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

## English

Term 2 was another busy term in Oak Class, especially in English. We wrote and published, not one but two, fantastic versions of stories inspired by Michael Morpurgo. You can see our own version of the traditional tale, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, displayed in the ICT suite and our own versions of Michael Morpurgo's Christmas story for Waitrose, *Coming Home*, in our classroom. The children also produced some great image poems with the supply teacher while I was in Australia.

In term 3 we will be writing more poetry, this time based on poems from around the world. We will also be writing some non-chronological reports about Ancient Egypt and reading different versions of the fairy tale Cinderella, including a version from Ancient Egypt.

## Maths

Last term we covered multiplication, division, shape, statistics and length. The children particularly enjoyed the week studying length where they measured lots of things, including their feet. They also learnt how to calculate the perimeter of a shape.

This term we will start by learning about angles then move on to mass, number and place value, addition, subtraction and money.

## Science

In term 2 we had lots of fun learning about sound and how it is produced through vibrations. We did lots of hands on investigations which were quite noisy!

In terms 3 and 4 we will be learning about plants. Over the two terms we will be learning:

- To identify and describe the function of the roots.
- To make systematic and careful observations.
- To set up a simple practical enquiry.
- To investigate the ways in which water is transported within plants.
- To identify and describe the function of the stem.
- To explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil).

## Topic

We have a very interesting topic this term – Ancient Egypt! We will be learning:

- about the Egyptian landscape and find out how it impacted on people's lives in Ancient Egypt
- Tutankhamen and how artefacts can teach us about the past
- about Egyptian tombs, pyramids and burial sites.

I hope to have a history workshop group come to school to teach us about Ancient Egypt during term 3.

## Other subjects

In RE this term we will be looking at Special Places and Sacred Places. This will involve a local walk down to St Margaret's church for one of our RE lessons.

In PSHE we will be looking at Being Safe and Taking Risks. We will be looking particularly at road safety.

This term we will be covering art, rather than design and technology. Our art will be linked to the Ancient Egypt topic.

**Swimming**

Oak Class will be swimming again this term each Friday. Please don't forget to send your child along with their swimming costume, towel and goggles each Friday.

**PE**

Some children have been forgetting to bring their PE kit on Monday. Please remind your child to bring it each Monday.

**Recorders**

As we have swimming on Friday afternoons this term our music lesson will be on Wednesday. Please remind your child to bring their recorder on Wednesday.

**Homework**

Maths homework this term will mainly focus on activities and games to make sure children are secure on their number bonds to 10 or 20. Children need to know the addition and subtraction facts to 20 securely and rapidly. If children know these facts it enables them to do much higher level maths so it is an important skill to keep practicing. Also, please make sure your child returns their homework on Monday. If it is returned any later I am afraid I will not have time to mark it.

**Regards,**

Mrs Troth