



**SPRING TERM 2024-2025**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Oak Class Year 3/4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed the festivities this time of year brings.

Over the Spring Term, Oak's topic is '**Water**'. Within this **Geography** based topic, we will be learning about where our water comes from. We will be learning about the different stages of the water cycle and linking this to our previous learning in Science on States of Matter. We will be considering how water can change its state which is illustrated wonderfully through the water cycle through evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We will also be thinking about the environment and the effect water has such as flooding and ways to prevent it which links very well with our local environment!

**English:** We will be reading the stunning picture book, 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith to support our learning of the water cycle. We will be writing diary entries from the point of view of a water droplet as it travels across the earth. We will be focusing on using adverbials and paragraphs to organise our writing. Later in the term, we will be focusing on poetry and having a go at writing our very own playful 'Mountain' poems using Pie Corbett's Talk4Writing strategies.

**Reading:** Reading remains an important aspect of homework and the more your child is able to read and discuss the text, both school books and literature of choice, the better reader they will be! Please listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading records. Children receive Dojo Points every time they read at home. Reading records and reading books need to be brought into school every day. We will continue to develop our comprehension skills and fluency when reading in school during our frequent Guided Reading sessions. This term we will be reading the non-fiction book, 'Water' by Catherine Barr, which explores the wonder of water and inspires hope as what can be done by all of us to protect freshwater on our planet.

**Maths:** We will start the year looking at Area and then continue with Multiplication and Division. Children will continue to practise their times tables and then use this knowledge to multiply two-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written methods. Any practice you can do with your child would be greatly beneficial to support them learning multiplication facts off by heart and aim for rapid recall within 5 seconds. Children have their own Times Tables Rockstars accounts available to use for practise at home. It is a great way to support their learning of their time tables in a fun way! The age-related expectation is that they should know all of their times tables up to **12x12** by the end of Year 4.

**P.E:** Children will need to come to school dressed for PE. Oak class will be having **indoor PE** Dance lessons in the hall on Monday afternoons. Long hair will need to be tied up for PE and any jewellery taken out. They will also be having **outdoor PE** on Friday afternoons taken by our PE coach. Children will be having football and will need shin pads too.

In **RE**, we will be thinking about the key question, 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?' We will be looking at some beliefs about God in Islam and give examples of *ibadah* (worship) in Islam.

In **Art**, we will be looking at the famous English artist and sculptor Barbara Hepworth. She was inspired by the natural world around her to create 3D, abstract sculptures. We will create our own 3D sculptures inspired by our local environment out of paper and soap, thinking about space and simple forms.

In **IT**, we will be learning about programming through the online platform Scratch. Children will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences.

In **Music**, Oak Class will continue to have violin lessons during the first half of the Spring Term on Tuesday afternoons taught by our external music teacher. This will culminate in a performance by the children so look out for a Dojo post with details nearer the time!

Mrs Rice will be teaching Oak Class on a Wednesday afternoon. This term Mrs Rice will be teaching **French** and **Geography**.

**Forest School:** We are excited to share that Oak Class will be having Forest School sessions every other Monday with Miss Green and myself. Please could children come to school in their Forest School dress and bring wellies/waterproofs etc. in named bags to change into. Oak Class will have indoor PE on Monday afternoons when not having Forest School.

The school value we will be focusing on this half term is the value of **WISDOM** to help us live out our school vision of having **Open Minds**, which we will explore during our daily **Worships**.

Continue to look out for any information and updates on your ClassDojo page. Also, look out for the half termly Homework Menus.

Thank you for all your support with your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Bailey

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