

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, I hope you all had a wonderful break.

Over the Summer Term, Oak's topic is the '**Anglo-Saxons**'. Within this **history**-based topic, we will be learning about how the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain in the 5th century and where they settled. They will investigate how life in Britain changed as a result. They will examine artefacts from the period and draw their own conclusions about what they can teach us about Anglo-Saxon Britain. They will also explore the Pagan beliefs of the early Anglo-Saxons and learn about the many gods they worshipped. To accompany this topic, we have an exciting trip booked to Bishops Wood which will also focus on this period of history. Look out for more information on a letter to come.

English: We will be reading the epic Anglo-Saxon poem 'Beowulf' retold by Rob Lloyd Jones. We will be learning about the conventions of mythical writing and will write our own hero myth. We will be concentrating on using inverted commas for speech and using powerful verbs and adverbs to describe movements.

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 daily Guided Reading sessions. This term we will be reading 'A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom', which is a collection of traditional Indian folktales. It is a fun read following the adventures of a young Prince Veera with each short story offering a basis of discussion about fairness and justice.

Maths: We will start the term continuing with our unit on fractions where we will be adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts. We will then move onto decimals, where we will be looking at decimal equivalents for tenths and hundredths. The Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place after May half term. Any times table 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 Times Tables Rockstars accounts available to use for practice at home. Every child in Oak Class has their own **Times Tables Rock Stars** account in which they can access this online platform at home to practice their times tables. 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: Oak class will be having **outdoor PE** lessons on Wednesday afternoons. They will also be having **outdoor PE** on Friday afternoons on the field, taken by our PE coach. Oak Class will also be having bell boating sessions on the river. Look out on ClassDojo for when they do. Children will continue to come to school in their PE kits instead of school uniform on PE days. Please continue having long hair tied up and any jewellery taken out. Many thanks.

In **RE**, we will be thinking about the key question, 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' We will be exploring what Hindus believe about God and what Hindu murtis express about God. We will look at the story of Diwali and make links between how Hindus live based on their beliefs. We will explore how Hindus worship and later in the term, we will be learning about what it is like for a Hindu to live in Britain.

In **DT**, we will be researching and designing an Anglo-Saxon purse. We will make the purse out of textiles, using pattern pieces and a sewing stitch to fix it together.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about data and information. Within this unit we develop our understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. Children will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. They will learn to create an on-screen branching database.

Mrs Rice will be teaching Oak Class on a Wednesday afternoon. This term Mrs Rice will be teaching **PE** along with our PE coach, Miss Lawes and **Science**. In Science this term, children will be learning about 'Light'. They will identify different light sources and explore what happens when light reflects. They will investigate which materials make the best shadows and think of ways to protect themselves from the sun.

Forest School: Oak Class will continue to have 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. When the weather is warmer and the ground is dry, children can wear trainers and long sleeve tops and trousers.

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.

As the weather is getting warmer, please can children come to school with sun cream already applied, a cap and water bottles? Children can bring in sunscreen to reapply (preferably roll on).

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Bailey
