



*Jesus promised, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10*

*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*

**AUTUMN TERM 2023-2024**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Oak Class Year 3/4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back after the Summer Holidays! I hope you all had a lovely Summer.

Over the Autumn Term, Oak's topic is '**Stone Age to Iron Age**'. Within this history-based topic, we will be learning all about the changes between the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age in Britain. We will be learning about pre-history and how we find out about it, what Stone Age people ate and how they lived and the changes that happened between the three periods of history. We will be visiting Bishop's Wood to transport us back to these times and imagine life as a Stone Age boy or girl.

**English:** In English, we will be reading the popular, historical fiction picture book, 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura to support our writing. We will be writing cave descriptions and a narrative based on this story. We will be looking at using effective description such as using expanded noun phrases and developing characters, settings and plots for our own stories.

**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! Reading records and reading books need to be brought into school everyday. We will continue to develop our comprehension skills in regular whole class Guided Reading sessions. We will be starting with the modern children's classic 'Stig of the Dump' novel.

**Maths:** We will start the year looking at Place Value. Children will be learning about the place value in a 3 and 4-digit number, finding 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than any number, number lines to 1,000 and 10,000 and order and compare numbers up to 1000 or 10,000. Later in the term, we will be moving onto addition and subtraction, using formal written methods as well as working on our mental maths. Please help your child with learning their **multiplication tables** to assist their knowledge and understanding. The age-related expectation is that they should know their **3x, 4x and 8x tables** (on top of their 2s, 5s and 10s from Year 2) by the end of Y3 and all of their times tables up to **12x12** in Year 4.

**P.E:** Oak class will be having swimming lessons this term on Monday mornings. Please look out for the upcoming letter which will have all the information on. The first swim will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. Oak will also be having Dance in the hall on Friday afternoons. Children will need labelled PE kits in school on that day. Please remember any recently pierced ears **must** be covered with tape brought in from home. School can not supply this.

We will be learning about 'Animals including Humans' over the Autumn Term in **Science**. This will include investigating bones and muscles and how they protect and support movement in our bodies. We will be looking at nutrition and what food groups we need to keep us healthy.

In **Art**, we will be experimenting with printing using techniques inspired by hapa-zome prints. We will be printing using natural objects such as leaves just like the famous artist India Flint. Flint's prints are ecologically sustainable and often start with a walk so we will do the same and create repeated patterns inspired by her artwork.

In **RE**, we will be learning about Judaism and thinking about the question, 'How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews?' We will be learning about some important festivals in the Jewish calendar such as Rosh Hashanah (celebrating New Year and God's forgiveness) and Passover (celebrating salvation and freedom from the Exodus story) and how these shape Jewish people's lives both at home and in their communities. We will reflect on the benefits of celebrating the past, looking to the future and the value of our own personal reflection in our own lives.

Mrs Rice will be teaching **French** and team teaching in Oak Class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mrs Cole will be teaching **Forest School** on a Wednesday afternoon. The first outdoor Forest School session will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please could children bring in their Forest School kits every Wednesday from then on. This will include waterproofs and wellies, especially as we enter the Autumn/Winter seasons!

In **PSHE**, we will be thinking about how to, 'Get HEARTSMART' by showing love to ourselves and others.

In **Computing**, our Unit will be, 'Computing systems and networks – The Internet'. Children will learn about the internet as a network or networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves.

In **Music**, Oak children will be having ukulele lessons during the Autumn/Spring Term, look out for the Dojo updates to let you know when. This is a really exciting opportunity for Oak to learn how to play the ukulele and being taught by an external music teacher!

To help us live out our school vision, we will be focusing on our School Christian Value of **JOY** (Happy Hearts) which we will explore during our daily **Worships**.

Continue to look out for any information and updates on your ClassDojo page.

Thank you for all your support with your child's education, it continues to make a real difference.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Bailey  
Mrs Rice

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