



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**.*

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! A warm welcome back after the Christmas Holidays! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Over the Spring Term, Oak's new topic is, '**Ancient Egyptians**', which is an exciting and interesting insight into an early civilisation. We will be learning about Egyptian life, including the importance of the River Nile, the discovery of Tutankhamun and of course not leaving out the ever-dramatic mummification process!

English: In English, we will be reading **The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo**. We will be concentrating on this text as our stimulus for our English work where we will compare it to the well-known Cinderella story and use drama to help us understand the structure of a fairy story to then plan, write and edit our own Egyptian fairy story narratives. We will also be writing a set of engaging instructions on how to make a mummy, using non-narrative features such as headings and sub-headings. In SPaG, we will be learning how to use apostrophes, use a wider range of conjunctions and powerful verbs.

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.

Maths: We will start the new year looking at Multiplication and Division. Children will be learning to recall and use multiplication and division facts. Multiply and divide two- and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number, using mental and progressing to formal written methods. 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. To support the children with learning their times tables, please continue to use **Times Tables Rockstars** which is an online platform where children can practice answering multiplication questions at home. If you need login details, do let me know.

P.E: Oak class will be having outdoor PE on Monday afternoons. Oak will continue to have indoor PE lessons in the hall on Friday afternoons. Children will need labelled PE kits in school on both of those days, long hair tied up and jewellery taken out.

In **DT**, we will be learning about pulley mechanisms. To do this, we will be designing our own mini-Egyptian shadufs to be able to successfully pull up and lower a bucket of water. We will make them, test them out and evaluate them as all part of the Design and Technology process.

In **RE**, we will be exploring the question, 'What kind of a world did Jesus want?' We will be learning about the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be 'fishers of people'. We will be exploring how Jesus showed love to all, such as healing the sick and caring for outcasts. We will be looking at what members of the clergy do to follow in Jesus' footsteps and the importance of love and life in the world today.

Mrs Rice will continue to team teach in Oak Class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mrs Robinson will be leading **Forest School** on a Wednesday afternoon. Please could children continue to bring in their Forest School kits every Wednesday.

In **PSHE**, we will be thinking about how, 'Too much selfie, isn't healthy'.

In **Music**, Oak children will continue to have ukulele lessons for the first half of the Spring Term. There will be an opportunity for a performance later in the term to showcase for their Parents/carers. More information to come.

During our daily **Worships**, we will be focusing on our School Christian Value of **WISDOM** (to support our school vision of having 'Open Minds') and how making wise choices can help us live our lives to the full.

Do 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
