



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

A warm welcome back after the Summer Holidays! I hope you all had a lovely summer. I'm looking forward to getting to know the New Year 3s and welcoming back the returning Year 4s!

Over the Autumn Term, Oak's topic is, '**Chocolate**'. Within this mouth-watering topic, we will be extending our learning from Year 2 and deepening our knowledge about the history of the non-European early civilisation - the Mayans! We will be learning about Mayan life, in particular their advanced number system, their language made up of symbols and their religious beliefs. We will learn about the discovery of their ancient remains, the different features of Maya cities and the importance of the cocoa bean in their lives.

English: We will be exploring the poem '**Chocolate Cake**' by Michael Rosen and learning how to write and perform our own poems based around chocolate. We will then move onto writing some descriptions on chocolate, making sure to use 'wow' words, effective adjectives and expanded noun phrases. We will then be using our descriptions to write chocolate bar advertisements. We will be thinking about persuasive language and how to hook the reader in to buy our new chocolate bar. Later in the term, we will be reading the traditional Mayan tale, picture book, '**Rain Player**' by David Wisniewski to inspire some creative narrative writing.

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 fiction book, 'Blue John' by Berlie Doherty, which is a folktale that explores the wonder of nature.

Maths: We will start the year looking at Place Value. Children will be learning to recognise the place value in a 3 and 4-digit number, finding 1,000 and 10,000 more or less than any given number, number lines to 10,000 and order and compare numbers up to 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 skills. Children in Year 3 learn to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and children in year 4 learn to add and subtract 4-digit numbers. **Multiplication tables** will be reinforced daily too. The age-related expectation is that they should know all of their times tables up to **12x12** in Year 4. In Year

3, the age-related expectation is to know their 3x, 4x, and 8x on top of their 2x, 5x and 10x from Year 2. Every child in Oak Class has their own **Times Tables Rock Stars** account in which they can access this online platform at home to practise their times tables. A letter with your child's log-in will be coming home. It is a great way to support their learning of their time tables in a fun way!

P.E: Oak class will be having Dance lessons in the hall on Friday afternoons. Children will need **labelled** school PE kits in school on this day. Long hair will need to be tied up for PE and any jewellery taken out. They will also be having **swimming lessons** this term. The first session will be on Monday 23rd September. A letter will come home shortly with more information.

We will be learning about, 'States of Matter' over the Autumn Term in **Science**. We will be discovering all about solids, liquids and gases by identifying and grouping the different materials and observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled such as chocolate!

In **RE**, we will be learning about Christianity and thinking about the question, 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We will be learning about the concepts of God and Creation and what Christians believe. We will be thinking about why the Creation story is important for people and describe what Christians might do because they believe God as Creator.

In **Art**, we will be learning about the famous British Afro-Caribbean modern artist Dame Sonia Boyce. We will be looking at her portraits in particular and how her art represents her identity. We will eventually create our own family portraits inspired by her style, focusing on drawing techniques and using pastels for colourful, patterned backgrounds.

In **IT**, we will be learning about digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes and outputs. We will compare digital and non-digital devices, before introducing the children to computer networks that include network infrastructure devices like routers and switches.

In **Music**, Oak Class will be having violin 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 violin and being taught by our external music teacher who taught us ukulele last year!

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

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

Continue to look out for any information and updates on your ClassDojo page. Also, look out later in the term for more information on **homework** in Year 3 and 4.

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

Yours sincerely,
Miss Bailey and Mrs Lemon