



Oak Class Autumn 2021



Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child into Oak class. I am looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year. Our Teaching Assistant is Mrs Coxhead. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything then please do not hesitate to ask.

Study Overview

Our topic for the autumn term is 'World War Two'. Most of our subjects and lessons will be linked to this topic.

English - Our class reader this term is *Goodnight Mr Tom* which links in to our topic. We will also be undertaking various writing tasks - biographies, character description, poetry and narrative writing - linked to our topic.

Maths - We shall be spending this term becoming secure in our knowledge of place value and the four operations: addition and subtraction; multiplication and division. We shall continue to practise mental arithmetic, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, geometry - properties of shapes, position and direction, statistics, using and applying puzzles and problems.

Science - We will be finding out about animals including humans and the circulatory system. After half term, we will focus on Electricity & Light.

Topic - In History, we will find out about evacuation and what it was like to be evacuated. We will also focus on The Blitz and everyday life in wartime Britain. In Geography, we will map and identify the countries involved in WW2 and their leaders and flags. We will also compare Europe before and after WW2. Our topic lessons will incorporate design technology and art as well.

Computing - We will cover units on Coding, Spreadsheets & E-Safety. Our computing lessons will be taught by Mrs Kitt.

RE - Throughout the year, we will focus on life journey and rites of passage. This term, we will find out about how Christians show they belong.

PSHE - Our units include Families and Friendship, Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing and Belonging to a Community.

PE - This term, the children will take part in Outdoor Adventurous Activities and develop their skills in netball. These lessons will be taught by Mrs Dougill. The children will need to



come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. Our lessons will be outdoors wherever possible so the children should make sure they have the correct school PE kit on.

French - We will look at units such as Our School, Telling the Time, French History & France at Christmas.

Useful Information

Homework and spellings will be sent out each Friday via the class email and will be due the following Thursday. However, children may choose to hand in their homework early. Homework will be set online using Purple Mash which the children will be familiar with. If you would prefer a paper copy of any homework, then please let me know.

I would appreciate your help and support in encouraging your child to read every night at home and recording this in their home reading diaries. To help ensure the children are ready for secondary school they will be encouraged to read for about 20 minutes every evening which is approximately 20 pages. It is still encouraged that you continue to listen to your child read and question them on their understanding of their book. And please remember to sign and date their reading journal every time they read!



Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for playtime. A piece of fruit or a plain biscuit is recommended. Please make sure that your child has their own named water bottle. Children will require a waterproof coat in school as we will be spending as much time as possible outside.

11+ Tests

These tests will take place this year on Friday 17th September and Friday 24th September in school for children who are registered for Boston Grammar Schools. For children who are registered for Spalding Grammar schools, the tests will take place on Saturday 18th September and Saturday 25th September.

SATs National Testing

KS2 SATs will take place during the period 9th-12th May 2022. Please ensure that your child is present for these national statutory tests.

I am always happy to discuss any matters concerning your child. If the matter is urgent, then please contact the office. For any non-urgent queries or questions about homework, please use the class email. Oak.Class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk I will try to respond within 24-48 hours on school days.

Kind regards,

Miss H Winfield (Class Teacher)

Mrs Coxhead (Teaching Assistant)