

Oaks Class Newsletter: Term 3

English

Our writing this term will include:

Writing a science fiction story using *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes as our inspiration

Understanding how to write persuasively

Whilst working through these topics we will be focusing on the following:

Using apostrophes correctly

Using past, present and future tense correctly in both fiction and non-fiction writing

In reading comprehension, we will be studying poems, non-fiction texts and stories linked to other areas of the curriculum.

Maths

Year 3s will be learning about:

Dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with and without remainders

Understanding equivalent lengths for mm, cm and m

Measuring, calculating and comparing perimeter

Year 4s will recap some of the above topics and also:

Multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers

Measuring in kilometres

Calculating area

As well as our work on new units in maths, we will also be working on our KIRFs for this term and focusing on fluency in our times tables.

Science

This term we will be learning about sound.

We will be making lots of noise in our experiments by exploring questions like:

How can I make a sound louder?

How does sound change with distance?

What is the best material to muffle a sound?

We will even get a chance to make our own instruments that create sounds of different volume and pitch.



RE

In RE we will be exploring what it is like for someone to follow God. Through this we will be making links between the story of Noah and how we live in the world today, as well as looking at the promises made at Christian weddings.

Geography - How will our world look in the future?

This topic focusses on the move towards renewable energy and environmentally - friendly construction of homes. We will learn about how electricity is generated, looking at changes in the energy sources used over the last 70 years. We will briefly look at weather patterns in order to understand what is meant by climate and look at some of the projects to reduce carbon emissions before thinking about our view of what the world will be like in the future.

Computing

Oaks will be using Espresso Coding this term to learn how to make things happen in a sequence and how computers use variables to count things and keep track of what is going on.

Art - Sculpture



Our Art unit this term focuses on sculpture. We will be exploring the work of famous sculptors such as Henry Moore, Alberto Giacometti and Auguste Rodin. We will take inspiration from these sculptors to create our own pieces using a range of materials including salt dough and air-drying clay.

Our main outcome will be a realistic self-portrait made of clay that features etchings and careful joining work between more than one pieces of clay.



Music - Composition Challenges

As part of a project with the London Sinfonietta, we will be exploring techniques for composition by taking part in a series of challenges including number and patterns, words and music and deep listening. We will spend the last couple of weeks singing and improvising with the folk song 'Old Joe Clark'.



PSHE

We will be learning about how to value our differences and celebrate diversity. This unit will also include exploring how to negotiate and compromise when we find it harder to value our differences.

Support from Home

Please ensure children are reading daily and practising their weekly spellings.

Spellings will always be set on Spelling Shed and they will be updated every Sunday. Please ask for support if your child is unsure of how to log on.

Times Tables

We will be focussing on times tables this term and it is very important that children are practising their key tables at home too. Year 3s should be confident in their 2, 5 and 10s now. Year 4s should also be confident in their 3, 4, 6 and 8s.

The school subscriptions to sites that are useful for home learning are:

Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars, Purple Mash, Spelling Shed