

Oaks Class Newsletter: Term 4

English

Our writing this term will include:

Writing a mystery narrative using *The Whale* as our inspiration

Writing a poem based on our geography topic on rivers

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

Using compound, complex and simple sentences effectively

Using the present perfect tense

Choosing and using a range of connectives

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:

Counting in Tenths and other fractions

Equivalent Fractions

Adding, subtracting, comparing and ordering fractions

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

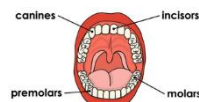
Subtracting fractions from whole amounts

Calculating fractions of a quantity

Finding tenths as decimals, on a place value grid and on a number line

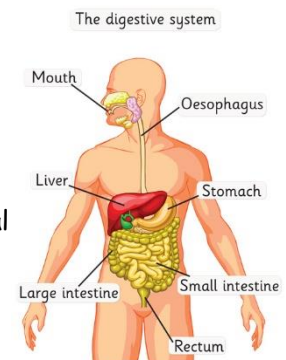
We will also continue to develop our KIRFs and times table knowledge.

Science



This half term children learn about digestion and different types of teeth, before moving on to explore deadly predators and their prey, in their exploration of food chains.

They work scientifically throughout the topic, using enquiry, practical experiments and hands-on research to answer questions and investigate how we eat, why we eat and what we eat.



RE – How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

This term, children will be exploring how Muslim's celebrate festivals and worship Allah. We will be learning about the Qur'an, mosques, Ramadan and more in order to answer our overarching question.

Geography – Rivers and the Water Cycle

How does the water go round and round?

We will be learning about the water cycle and the journey of a river from source to mouth focussing on the River Thames. We will also look at the role of rivers in shaping mountains and how rivers are used by humans.

Computing

Oaks will be focusing on two areas of computing this term. The first is learning and developing touch typing skills. The second is using and creating a branching databases to classify groups of objects using 'yes' and 'no' questions.

DT – Mechanised Non-Fiction Book

Our DT unit this term will explore different types of mechanisms in books. They will investigate, design, make and evaluate a non-fiction book that will teach the reader about either the digestive system or rivers and the water cycle. Their book will include linkages and levers to make their book as interactive and engaging as they can.



Music –

This term children will be focusing on recorder skills. They will be learning about crotchets, minims and semibreves as well as listening, responding and performing a range of new songs.



PSHE

This term the children will be exploring how to be their best. They will be learning about keeping healthy through their diet and lifestyle, how to be proud of their achievements, how to cooperate as part of a team, and how to set goals.

Children will also learn about health and wellbeing issues and problems with the media.

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

With the Multiplication Check approaching for the Year 4s, we will be working hard in school on ensuring all necessary tables are secure and that children are able to apply their facts to other areas of mathematics. Please continue our hard work at home by supporting children in learning any unknown tables and also practising previously secure tables to ensure they remain confident in these.

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

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