Oak Class Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2026

CURRICULUM

Welcome to Autumn 2026 in Oak Class! We're so excited for this new school year and a term full of learning and creativity. Below outlines the topics we will be learning about in each subject. Lots of our topics are very exciting this term, and we can't wait to get started!

English - We will be looking at biographies, non-chronological reports, poetry, suspense narratives and video narratives.

Maths - Our focus will be on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and fractions.

Topic - In Geography, we will be investigating our world with a focus on map features. We will later be learning about Dynamic Dynasties in History with a primary focus on the Shang Dynasty.

Science - We will learn about properties and changes of materials, and forces.

RE - We will begin in Christianity, with a focus on the incarnation. We will then progress to a 'what matters most' unit exploring what matters most to different religions such as Hinduism, Humanism, Judaism, and Christianity.

Art, DT, Music and Computing - In art, we are looking at tints, tones and shades and taotie art. We are excited to have our new DT room to explore moving mechanisms. In computing, we are making our own games using Scratch!

Class text - Our class text this term is The Escape Room by Christopher Edge, which will inspire much of our writing.

PE and outdoor learning - We will be doing PE on **Fridays** this term, where we will begin by learning tennis skills. Children should come in PE kit on Fridays. We are very excited to have Outdoor Learning in the forest on **Thursday afternoons** with Miss Eve this term! We'll share more information soon about what children will need to bring.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue this term using the grid of mixed activities. Children should aim to complete one task each week (or once a fortnight for larger, more detailed projects) and bring it into school as soon as it' s finished so we can share and celebrate it with the class. Spellings will also continue to be sent home weekly, with children expected to revise them in preparation for a test on **Tuesday**. In addition, we encourage all children to be reading daily at home to build fluency and enjoyment.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **Friday: PE**
- **Thursday: Outdoor Learning (in the forest)**
- **Every day: Please remember to bring in your water bottle. Children are able to bring their own snack for break time as long as it is healthy.**

- Please remember NO nuts (please check hummus and pesto) in school.
- Long hair should be tied back, and no nail polish or jewellery is allowed, apart from ear studs which must be removed for PE.
- Due to a number of issues last year, we kindly request that children do not bring in additional keyrings or toys attached to their school bags. Children should not be bringing in any other toys from home, this includes fidget or comfort toys, which can be provided by school for individual children following discussion with the teacher or SENCo.
- On PE days, children should come to school in thier PE kits, which they will stay in all day.

MAKING CONTACT

Should you need to contact me about anything, please contact the school office and they will make sure that mail is re-directed:
office.3500@kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk
Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school. In all cases, we will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days, within school hours. Obviously if the matter is more urgent, then please phone the school office or speak to me directly at the end of the school day.

Best wishes from the Oak Class Team!

Miss Newman
Class teacher

Mrs Butler
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Saville
Tuesday Teacher