



Oak Class and Willow Class Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and that your children are all ready for the New Year. This termly newsletter will give you information about your child's learning this Spring term and we hope that you can continue to support them with their learning at home, via their homework and most importantly with their reading.

English	In English this term our focus books will be 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge and 'How To Find Gold' by Viviane Schwarz. The children will be role-playing, reading, recounting, creating story maps, lists, drawings, character and setting descriptions and creating their own spin off stories from these narratives. They will also look at non-fictional texts and how they are different to fiction, carry out letter writing, experience and compose poetry. They will continue with the 'Read, Write, Inc' programme to learn their phonics and there will continue to be daily reading sessions, where they enjoy books from the book corner or are reading one to one, with an adult.
Maths	Maths will revisit and build upon understanding: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement and geometry. Topics that have been introduced in the Autumn term will be given greater depth and new topics will involve lots of practical activities to engage the children. We will be counting, ordering, finding missing numbers, calculating and comparing amounts, learning the properties of shapes, how to measure and applying knowledge to tackle simple problem solving with the emphasis on real life scenarios.
Science & Knowledge of the World	Science will focus on 'Everyday Materials' and in the latter term 'Forces'. We will be exploring different materials, sorting, comparing and describing the features of these materials. Then carrying out simple experiments and investigations and recording our findings. In RE, we will be studying Judaism and festivals/celebrations, then Christianity and the Easter story. The children will be learning about space travel and the planets, creating art and music to this theme. There will be dinosaur artwork and research into the ice age and Antarctica.

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