

Oak Class

2024 Autumn Term Newsletter



This term our theme is Let's Explore

Welcome to a new school year! Oak class are now in school full-time and are coping well with school routine. The first few weeks of term is planned around helping the class settle and develop. Our whole school theme is Let's Explore although we do look at other areas such as seasonal changes. Below are just a few of the activities we plan to cover, linked to the areas of the Curriculum.

Prime Areas

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will continue to think about the characters from Planet Inspiration that help us with our learning; perseverance, independence, communication, questioning, resilience, teamwork and creativity. Children will continue to be supported to enable them to become more confident when mixing with others as well as developing independence. We will talk about the activities we find difficult and challenge ourselves to improve!

In Communication and Language, we will listen carefully when making a variety of things and will use our role-play area to retell and make up our own stories and narratives. We will also be learning a variety of songs and nursery rhymes as well as repeated refrains.

In Physical Development, we will be using a range of tools to make various items on large and small scales, including food-based activities. The children will be encouraged to try lots and lots of mark making to improve and develop fine motor skills. In our PE sessions, we will be focusing on multi-skills. PE sessions are every other Wednesday and every Friday.

Specific Areas

In Literacy, we will shortly be starting daily phonics sessions, initially looking at Phase 2. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books about our topic. These will include books about the natural world. We will write lists, labels, captions, poetry and simple sentences. Don't forget to use our lovely reading shack to swap books from home. Everyone is welcome to choose a book to start them off. It is open before and after school and at playtimes.

In Mathematics, we will look at number recognition and numbers to 10 in detail. We will practise counting objects up to 10. We will look at patterns and shapes in the environment around us. We will use simple mathematical language to talk about time.

When concentrating on Understanding the World, we will think about the seasons and will look at the changes in our immediate environment as Summer changes to Autumn and then Winter.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be investigating different sounds made by a variety of musical instruments and everyday objects; we will make our own "sound effects" for different animals and types of weather. We will paint and colour mix and explore different textures and materials.

Our curriculum evolves around the children's interests and they quite often guide our planning.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 18th September- Phonics evening session at 6pm

Wednesday 25th September- Oak Class bake sale under our shelter 3:15-3:30pm

Monday 7th October- Open afternoon for prospective parents

Thursday 10th October- Maths evening session at 6pm

Friday 22nd November- Oak Class assembly

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS WELLIES IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES AS WE DO A LOT OF LEARNING OUTDOORS. WE STILL ONLY HAVE HALF THE CLASS WITH WELLIES.

Thank you!

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

You can help by:-

Talking to your child about what they have done in school.

Checking the home/school books every night.

Encouraging your child to be independent when getting dressed and undressed.

Putting names in all items of your child's clothing/shoes, including wellies and PE kits.

Telling us if anyone we don't know is picking up your child.

Bringing in bottle tops, cereal boxes, any anything else that we can use creatively!

Bringing in anything relevant to our topic -Let's Explore.