

Oak Class 2025 Spring Term Newsletter



This term our topic is Lights, Camera, Action!

Happy New Year! We hope 2025 is a wonderful year for you all!

Welcome to the spring term! We hope everyone had a restful Christmas break. We have hit the ground running with our new term and the children have settled back in really well. Our whole school theme this term is Lights, Camera, Action, although we do look at children's interests and plan around those as well. 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, risk taking, decision making, teamwork, creativity and resilience. Children will continue to be encouraged to expand their friendship groups through our Team Time sessions. We will also be talking a lot about the changing of the season as well as lifecycles and looking at how to take care of our environment.

In Communication and Language, we will listen to lots of stories, poems and non-fiction texts, learning and using new vocabulary. This will specifically be about animals and sea creatures this term, as well as Spring. We will have lots of opportunities to retell stories in our role play area, as well as our outdoor mud kitchen and to express our ideas through song in our outside music area.

In Physical Development, we will continue to have our P.E lessons as well as lots of Joe Wicks and Yoga sessions with Mrs Laycock. This term is also when we encourage as much writing as possible (not that the children need much encouragement!). We will be mark making in several different ways this term, focusing on making the children confident in writing their name, numbers and phonics sounds.

Specific Areas

In Literacy, we will be continuing with our daily Phonics sessions looking at Phase 3 & 4. We will be practising our writing as much as possible as well as getting outside lots, to practise our reading

and spelling in the great outdoors. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books about our topic. We will be continuing with our Drawing Club programme, incorporating as many of the children's interests as we can.

In Mathematics, we will be looking at practical addition, 1 more and 1 less as well as measure, both liquid and solid objects, odd and even numbers and shape. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore numbers both inside and outside and during our Forest School sessions.

When concentrating on Understanding the World, we will be learning all about interesting places and animals around the world. We will be talking lots about seasonal change as we move into Spring as well as talking about how we can look after the environment and, by extension, the animals that live in it. We will be doing a unit on Coding, looking at controlling Bee-bots to guide them to different places on a map.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be looking at digital art, creating beautiful pictures using technology. We will be encouraging use of our music area to play a range of instruments, and we will be doing lots of dancing within class.

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We have been noticing this year that there are a lot of children who are not reading regularly at home. This is having a very noticeable knock-on effect to their phonics and writing sessions. Please try to hear your child read their school books at least 3 times a week. We appreciate that this can be difficult if your child is not a keen reader, but we are always happy to offer advice and support on this, so please just ask. It is wonderful if children want to read stories from home with you as well but completing the school books is the best way to see progress with Phonics so it's essential that they read their school books ideally every day.

When you read with your child, please record it in the reading record with the date, page number and the book they read so that we know when to change them. Children who have a note every night (once over the weekend), will get a prize on Fridays.

We would really appreciate your support on this. It has been shown that children's reading ability at a young age can have a massive impact on their future prospects and it is the key to accessing much of the learning across all subjects in school of course.

Books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but this can differ due to staffing.

Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to working with you over the next few months.