

# Oak Class

## Newsletter

### Spring Term 2025



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term! We hope you had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting opportunities this term brings.

We are thrilled to share with you the theme for the term ahead: **Rocks, Relics, and Rumbles**. This covers Geography and History.

This term, the children will embark on an engaging and hands-on exploration of the fascinating world of **geology** and **natural phenomena**. The topic will delve into how rocks are formed, their various types, and their significance in the world around us. We will be exploring the amazing natural forces that shape our planet, including volcanoes, earthquakes, and much more!

We believe this theme will ignite curiosity and provide opportunities for interactive learning, sparking a deeper interest in the wonders of our planet.

#### Science

The children will be learning about Forces and Magnets.

This project teaches children about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials. The children will also be carrying out investigations with rocks and soils.

#### Art and DT

The children will be learning about the genre of figure drawing. They will study the figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and create artwork in his style to show scenes from their school. We have a local artist coming to school to work alongside the children. The children will be learning how to make things move! This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.

## English

In Oak Class this term, the children will be diving into the magical world of fairy tales. They'll explore the key features of the genre, such as enchanted settings, magical creatures, brave heroes, and villainous characters. Children will learn to structure their own fairy tales, incorporating traditional elements like good vs. evil, a moral lesson, and the classic "happily ever after." Through this creative writing journey, they will develop their skills in using descriptive language, dialogue, and building suspense, while also learning how to create a story that feels timeless and full of wonder. Each child will have the opportunity to craft their own unique fairy tale, adding their own imaginative twist to the genre!

## Maths

This term the children will be carrying on with multiplication and division facts. They will also enter the world of fantastic fractions! They will complete fluency tasks and reasoning questions. The children will continue to have their weekly arithmetic test, which is enabling the children to apply this knowledge to their reasoning skills. The children have a TTRS log in and it is expected that they complete one or two sessions a week. Times tables are important as they use these skills in all areas of maths. Year 4 also has a multiplication test in June. I will send out details closer to the time.

## RE

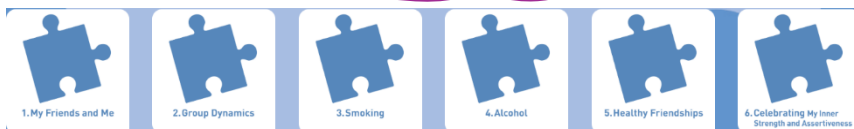
This term the children will be learning about Hinduism. They will discuss the question: Why do Hindus want to collect good Kama? They will learn about what kama means to Hinus.

They will also focus on a Christian value and ask the question: What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?

## Computing

The children will be learning about sending and receiving emails. They will learn about cyber bullying and how to stay safe online.

**PSHE** the children will be learning about **being healthy**. They will also learn how to build **healthy relationships**.



### Music

The children will be using the Chinese New Year as inspiration for their music this term.

The children will learn how to;

- Match their movements to the music, explaining why they chose these movements.
- Accurately notate and play a pentatonic melody.
- Play their part in a composition confidently.
- Work as a group to perform a piece of music.

### PE

Pe will be on a Friday afternoon, please can the children come

### Guided Reading

The children will be completing a novel study on the book, 'I was a Rat, or The Scarlett Slippers' by Philip Pullman.

We look forward to a term full of discovery, fun, and learning. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out by email at: [oak.thorndonprimary.org.uk](mailto:oak.thorndonprimary.org.uk) or leave a message on Class Dojo, alternatively you can always call the office and leave a message.

Best wishes from the Oak class team!

Mrs D'souza, Mrs Sherriff, Miss Wyncoll, Miss Thomas and Mrs Kilburn