



Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back after an amazingly hot and fun filled summer break! I am sure the children are rested and looking forward to the new challenges that this term will bring. We are looking forward to exploring our new topic Predators!

With the excitement of entering into a new class, we want to outline some of the expectations we have for Oak Class as we start this new academic year.

Although, our first week is set to be full of sunshine, we expect this term to see the change from warmer weather to the cooler chills of Autumn, so we ask that children come to school suitably dressed for this.

Homework for the first term will be reading 3 times a week with an adult, a weekly reading comprehension and a maths task (doodle or TTRS) – a big focus on our time tables. Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Friday.

Lastly, we will need you to bring in your reading books and reading logs daily. We will not require any other materials or toys/fidgets from home to be bought in our school bags unless we specifically ask for them in relation to learning in school.

Fidget tools will be provided in school if your child requires them.

Top tips of what's needed in school each week:

Every day

- Reading book and reading log.
- Named water bottle
- Lunch (if not school dinners).
- Sun hat/ sun cream or raincoat if needed.
- School jumper

Special days

- Wednesday and Thursday PE Kit

Reading

Reading at home is one of the biggest supports you can do for your child. This provides opportunities to discuss their book and ensure comprehension of the text and vocabulary. Good readers will become better writers, as they begin to use the sentence structures and vocabulary, they have been exposed to in their reading almost subconsciously. In school, the children will be reading a mixture of their home reading books and other materials supporting our learning throughout the curriculum.

PE

We will be participating in PE on Wednesday and Thursday each week, this term which will be taught by Mr Ince.

They should come in their school uniform and we will change into and out of our PE kit during the school day. We ask that PE kits are kept in the classroom for the half term so we can ensure students have their uniform each week.

PE kit should include:

- A pair of named trainers.
- A pair of named black shorts or plain sports bottoms.
- A named Hundon P.E. t-shirt a plain white t-shirt.
- A named jumper (if the weather is cooler).
- A pair of named PE bottoms (for days where the sun is not shining).
- Ear tape for pierced ears if required.

Curriculum Learning

Science – Its time to take a walk on the wild side and find out who's coming to visit. Is it a bug munching lizard or an eagle-eyes bird of prey? Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it? Learn about creepy crows and amazing alligators, the deadly assassin bug and the voracious Venus flytrap.

Music – We will be discovering a new scheme for music this year. More information will be available soon.

English – This half term we will be focusing on sentence construction and structure, as well as spelling, grammar and punctuation following the Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation Scheme. We shall be going back to basics to ensure a firm foundation to build our writing quality and quantity upon. We shall also be reading our new class text: The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith.

Maths - Our lessons this half term will cover place value, addition and subtraction. We will carry on practising our multiplication tables weekly with TTRS and we will aim to stay in the green zone on doodle maths.

PSHEE - This term we will be exploring relationships. How we feel about ourselves and developing an identity. How to become a good friend and know what to do if we fall out. How to develop our sense of belonging to a community.

French - We will be learning how to describe ourselves and others in Halti and in France in the first half of the term. We will then be learning how to say what we have at home with our friends.

Computing - We will be learning how to search over multiple platforms and be aware of the accuracy of the results presented. We will also explore some of the methods used to persuade people to buy online. We will then explain some positive and negative distractions of using technology and small strategies for reducing the time spent on technology.

Art - Closely linked to our science topic, we have an art project looking at the range of photographs and drawing of birds of prey in flight and sketching their form. We will discuss what we know about bird skeletons and describe how these support bird movement and flight. Working in small groups to make a 3D scale models of birds of prey using a range of recycled materials.

Important dates:

Friday 25th September – Raptor Experience

Monday 28th September – Macmillan Cake Sale

Friday 2nd October – Poetry Share Afternoon 2.30pm

Friday 16th October – Oak Class Presentation

Tuesday 20th October – Harvest Festival



Please keep an eye out for pictures and updates on Class Dojo. Similarly, if you need to speak to us, the best way to contact us as a first point of call is via Class Dojo.

With best wishes,

Miss Peacock and Mrs Harding

Oak Class Teaching Team

