

Oak Tree Class

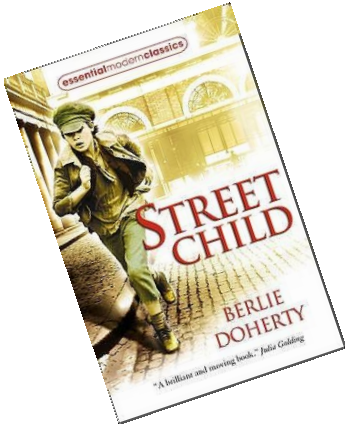
Spring Newsletter 2024



Firstly, may we wish you all a very Happy New year and we hope you all have a healthy, fun-filled 2024.

English:

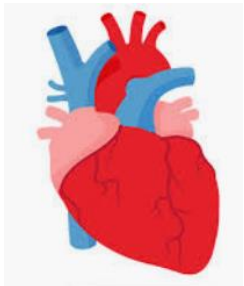
- ❖ We will continue to develop our writing skills through the study of various texts this term, first a version of Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant' then secondly with Berlie Doherty's 'Street Child' - a fantastic true story of a boy in the Victorian Times. We will be focusing on selecting relevant and thoughtful vocabulary and using correct grammatical structures to write a variety of pieces of writing including our own narrative writing retelling the story from a different perspective, diary entries, reports, letters and persuasive texts.



- ❖ In Reading sessions, we will continue to improve our skills with particular focus upon discussing and answering questions using our inference skills, understanding unfamiliar vocabulary and around the author's viewpoint and their use of devices to engage and support the reader. Children will be encouraged to answer in detail and use the text as evidence.

Maths:

- ❖ We will be focusing on developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages then position and direction, measurement and shape - in particular perimeter, area and volume. Throughout our sessions the children will focus on developing their problem solving skills, making decisions, working logically and checking results.



Science

- ❖ We will continue with our topic on Human Health & the Heart looking closely at the impact of a healthy lifestyle on our bodies. Then we will start our next topic, Light - where we will look closely at a variety of light sources, how light travels and how we see. In both, we will ask scientific questions and investigate the answers using a variety of methods. We will increase our understanding of the world around us and ourselves (biology and physics) and use correct scientific terminology. The children will plan and complete their own investigations and research scientific thinking on both areas.



Other Subjects:

- ❖ In History, we will be looking in depth at the Ancient Egyptians – how they lived, what they achieved and what we have learnt from them.



Alongside this, we will be completing a geographically focused topic -

Why is the Amazon so important to our planet? We will study the Amazon rainforest and river looking at its physical and natural resources & its importance to our planet.

- ❖ P.E days are changing this term and will be now be on Mondays and Thursdays and children will need to come into school on those days wearing their PE kit.



- ❖ RE will cover the question 'What is Hajj and why is it important to Muslims?' linked to the Islamic faith and 'Why do Christians believe 'Good Friday' is good?' in Christianity. Children will develop their understanding of these two world faiths.



- ❖ Our Art lessons will focus on improving a variety of skills including painting where we

will study John Dyer's & Nixiwaka Yawanawa's Amazon paintings before creating one of our own; collage-work where we will create a class collage linked to our learning on Ancient Egypt; drawing in which we will sketch Amazon wildlife; printing where we will make patterns from Ancient Egypt and finally, we will use Digital Media to create a short animated and sound video of the Amazon Rainforest. Our DT topic will be researching,



designing, making bridges. Although our Year 5s do have two very exciting visits to BCA's FabLab in January to complete a very special project – more information to follow!

If there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The support you give is essential for your child's progress and the closer we can work together, the better it will be for them. Finally, don't forget to follow our class on twitter @OakClass_Sankey for regular updates.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Williams & Mrs Franklin