



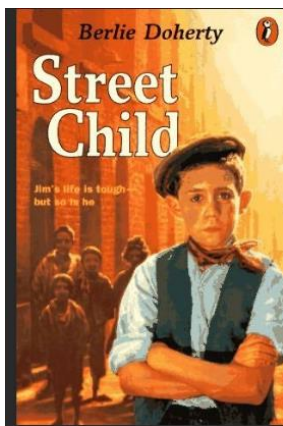
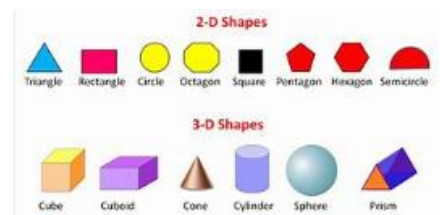
Welcome Back – Oak Tree Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter spending time with family and friends and the children are ready for our Summer Term – the last one for our Year 6s.

Maths and English

In maths, we will be looking closely at calculating the perimeter, area and volume of various regular and irregular 2D and 3D shapes before completing a unit on statistics which will include reading and drawing various graphs and charts before our Y6s complete their three maths SATs in the week beginning Monday 13th May. Then, our Y5s will continue to develop their mathematical understanding of position and direction and a detailed unit on measuring, calculating and estimating angles in various shapes.



In English, we are going to be reading 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 diary entries, letters and balanced arguments. Then we will be watching an animated story called 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' which we

will use as a stimulus for a short narrative piece of writing.



We will continue completing our grammar and spelling based Fast Five questions at the beginning of each English session to help us retrieve and recall relevant knowledge. Please remember that it is vitally important that all the children continue to read regularly at home as this improves their pace, stamina and comprehension skills and widens their vocabulary. With our Y6s having their SPAG and Reading tests coming on the 13th and 14th of May, any additional reading and practise will help build

their confidence and understanding. Please ensure that all children are recording their reading at home in their diaries and an adult signs the relevant page each week. They also need to be using Spelling Frame regularly at home, as well as in school, to practise their weekly word lists - this is a fabulous tool to revise previous rules and strategies in a fun, engaging way. It is definitely having a positive impact for the children who use it regularly. Plus, all our Y6s have personal logins for SATS Boot Camp which is a useful website providing games and practise tests to aid the children's understanding of spelling and grammar.

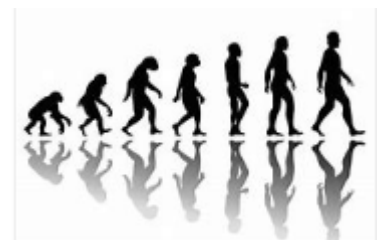
The Wider Curriculum

Our Geography topic for this term is 'How are our coasts changing? This topic looks at effects of coastal erosion and plastic pollution on coastlines in the UK / around the world. Children will learn about the structure of the coasts of the UK and other coasts around the world and how their shape and geography have changed over thousands of years.



In History, we are investigating whether the Vikings would do anything for power and money. We will be studying the Viking era closely – looking at their daily life, invasions and battles.

Our Science focus this term is Evolution & Inheritance, the children will be finding out about how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will discover how living things produce offspring of the same kind and identify how animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.



Homework

Homework will continue to be posted on Google Classroom each Friday – there will be pages to complete in the children's English and Maths Homework Books – alongside weekly spelling lists on Spelling Frame. All homework will be marked on Thursdays and spelling tests will also take place on the same day.

PE

Our outdoor session has moved to a Wednesday when we will be honing our tennis skills but our indoor session continues on a Friday when the children will be perfecting their dance skills. Could the children please come to school in their school PE kit on these days – a T-Shirt in their house colours and black shorts/joggers/leggings and trainers – with all hair tied back and jewellery removed.



We have lots and lots to look forward to this term with many traditional school events including Healthy Living Week which will include once again Sports Day and Race for Life and our Y6s have their residential to London coming up very soon plus their Leavers' Production. We really hope all the children will throw themselves into everything and embrace every opportunity with positivity and excitement and thoroughly enjoy the Summer Term in Oak Tree class.

We hope that you have found the information in this newsletter useful, but for any other updates or information – please remember to follow our class web page and twitter feed @OakClass_Sankey. If you wish to contact us, we are available through the school office or at the end of the day most afternoons.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your support this year – it is much appreciated,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Williams & Mrs Franklin