

Oak

CLASS

NEWS



Oak Class Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! It has been really lovely welcoming the children back after the summer break. We hope they ready to start their new learning journey and challenges in the year ahead. We are all getting settled into our new classroom and have already made a start on many of our topics, which you can read about in this newsletter.

This year the teaching team is Mr Yates and Mrs Potter, Mrs Crichton and Mrs Relf. We look forward to meeting you soon.

You will find the class email address at the bottom of this page – please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or want to share any information with us. We are equally happy for you to catch us in the playground at the end of the school day.

We look forward to the challenge of working together in Year 6!

Our Year 6 Team

Class Teachers: Mr Yates

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Potter, Mrs Crichton and Mrs Relf

CONTACT US

Our class email address is as follows:

oaks@harcourt.kent.sch.uk

Please use this to get in touch. We will aim to check the inbox at least once a day.



If your message is urgent, please contact the school office.

PE DAYS

PE Days are Monday and Wednesday.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

PE kits should include t-shirt, shorts or leggings, and trainers. Also, tracksuit trousers and jumper for colder weather.

Long hair should be tied back and **ALL** jewellery removed for PE lessons.

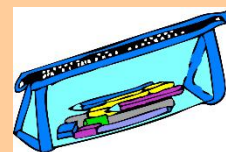
CLASS REWARD SYSTEM

We always like to recognise when children show excellent effort, behaviour and achievement in school. This year we are continuing to use **Class Dojos**.

Class Dojos will be awarded throughout the week for small but important positive behaviour, such as showing kindness to a friend, focused learning or a particularly good answer to a question.

PENCIL CASES

We will always supply any equipment that your child needs in school. However, your child is welcome to bring in their own pencil case and stationery if they want to. Any pencil case needs to be able to fit inside your child's tray. Unfortunately, things do occasionally go missing or get broken at school so we cannot be responsible for lost/damaged items.



DRINKS AND SNACKS

As previously, please ensure that your child has a named bottle full of fresh water every day. We also recommend a healthy snack, such as fruit, for break time.

TERM DATES

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Wednesday 10 th September	Year 6 Mental Health workshop
Thursday 11 th September	Kent Test
Friday 19 th September	Non-uniform day for Cancer Research
Tuesday 7 th October 9am and 2.30pm	Year R phonics workshop to parents
Wednesday 8 th October	SEND coffee afternoon
Thursday 9 th October	Wear something yellow for Young Minds
Thursday 9 th October	Flu jabs
Friday 10 th October	Harvest festival
Tuesday 14 th October	School photos
Tuesday 14 th October 3.30-6pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 16 th October 3.30-6.30pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 16 th October	Re-start a heart (bring a teddy)
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th October	Half term
Monday 27 th October	INSET Day

This term we will be learning

English:

This term we will begin by using the book 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' by Louis Sachar as inspiration for our writing. We will explore the topical issues raised in this book as part of Reading sessions as well as write a range of genres, including character and setting descriptions, diary entries, persuasion and a letter of advice. We will also be recapping key word classes as part of SPaG lessons to support writing.

Spelling: We will continue using 'Spelling Shed'. Please login and use the app to practise spellings at home. We will send home a list of spellings to work on each Friday. The spelling test will take place on a Friday.

Maths:

This term's foci in maths will be:

- Place value to a million:
- Addition and subtraction: written and mental methods, using the inverse, evaluating effectiveness of different methods, finding missing numbers, multi-step problems
- Multiplication and Division

Science:

Our science topic this term is Animals Including Humans.

Within this topic we will be:

- The Circulatory System
- Understanding what the blood pumps around the body
- Understand how exercise affects the heart rate
- Considering how we can live a healthy lifestyle

History:

This term we will be learning about Britain and the First World War, including:

- Looking at key events that led to the First World War
- Learning about what life was like in the trenches

Geography:

Geography will be taught again in term 2.

P.E.:

Our PE topics this term are Netball and Tag Rugby.

French:

Our French lessons this term will focus on telling the time to the nearest minute

School life - names of lessons, places in school, talking about what we do at school, learning about similarities and differences between French and British school system

Art:

We will study different skills and techniques used by Georgia O'Keefe.

Computing

We will continue to explore online safety and introduce children to blogging.

PSHE

We will be using the Jigsaw scheme work focusing on 'Being in My World'. We will be thinking about how to:

- Help others to feel welcome
- Set goals for the year ahead

Religious Education:

Our key question is 'What Matters Most to Christians and Humanists?'

We are very grateful for the support you give at home 😊

As last year, homework will be given out every week on a **Friday** and should be returned for marking by **Wednesday**. Weekly tasks will consist of:

- a maths activity to consolidate that week's learning
- an English or topic activity
- a spelling list based on the week's Spelling Shed focus

The children will be tested on their spelling list and times tables on Fridays.

Please also encourage your child to:

- **Read** at home every day, and to an adult several times a week. Books can be changed on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Use **Times Table** Rockstars (TTRS) or another method to practise their Times Tables
- Read through their **Knowledge Organisers** for History, Geography, RE and Science. This helps prepare them by learning key vocabulary, and consolidate what has been covered in class.