



## Oak AUTUMN 1 Newsletter

Welcome...



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is with great excitement that I welcome you and your child to the new term in Oak class. My name is Miss Lewis, and I am thrilled to be teaching alongside Miss Marshall this year. We have an engaging and enriching term planned, and I am eager to embark on this journey with your children.

Next week, we will be sending home Seesaw passwords, which will allow us to share updates, photos, and your child's work with you. Should you encounter any issues accessing your child's Seesaw account or your own family account, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for assistance.

In this newsletter, we will cover the following topics:

- Our Curriculum
- Home Learning
- Key Texts for This Term



- Key Dates
- Reminders

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with us after school, send a message on Seesaw, or email us at [oak@astley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:oak@astley.worcs.sch.uk).

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Best regards,

Miss Lewis and Miss Marshall

## Oaks Curriculum for Summer Term 2



**English:** This term, our English curriculum will focus on the text *Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond*. This collection of gripping stories explores the survival challenges faced by different animals in the wild. Through these tales, students will delve into themes of resilience, adaptation, and the wonders of the natural world.

In writing, our students will:

- Craft short conversations and stories inspired by our class novel. We will emphasize integrating dialogue and description to advance the action and rewrite chapters in third person.
- Write information pieces or explanations of processes, including newspaper reports that integrate speech.
- Engage in role-based writing to explore different perspectives.
- Develop persuasive pieces, presenting one-sided arguments with formal writing techniques.

**Mathematics:** In Year 5, we will cover:

- Reading, writing, and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000
- Rounding and solving problems involving large numbers and fractions
- Working with Roman numerals and performing operations with multi-digit numbers

For Year 6, the focus will be on:

- Advanced operations with numbers up to 10,000,000
- Long and short division, including interpreting remainders
- Working with fractions, including multiplication and division of proper fractions and their decimal equivalents

**RE:** Our focus will be on “Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complimentary?” Students will examine different perspectives on creation and scientific explanations of the natural world.

**Science:** Our science topic for this term is “Do All Life Cycles Look the Same?” Students will explore various life cycles and understand how they differ across species.

**Geography:** We will investigate how humans have shaped life in North America, looking at both historical and contemporary impacts on the environment and societies.

**PE:** This term, students will participate in swimming and netball, developing their skills in these sports and understanding the principles of teamwork and fair play.

## Home Learning



In Oak, we help the children to develop the skills to become independent learners both in school and at home.

- Please remember to read at home each night, your reading diaries and books should be in school each day. We will check these on a Friday and you will be given house points for this.

Here are some links to useful websites:

BBC Education have produced a whole host of materials for KS2. Follow the KS2 link and then select either Maths or English. Each area usually has an information section for reading, plus an activity and then quiz which is marked online. Some aspects require a subscription.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

A site with both Maths and English based quizzes which are marked as you go along.

<http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

A site with a range of information and questions – great for revision purposes!

[http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)

A revision site based upon the old Key Stage 2 Tests but still contains lots of useful information for both Maths and English.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/>

A site with links to old style Key Stage 2 Maths Papers, Maths Tutorials as well as Maths Games. Some of these games are linked to Memory and would therefore help pupils to retain key information.

<http://www.online-maths-tutor.com/>

A site with links to Maths and English revision materials, including worksheets to look at online or to print off and practise with.

<http://sats.highamstjohns.com/>

These are “old style” Key Stage 2 test papers but are still useful for practice, and in particular, creating discussion around questions and strategies to answer. View on screen or print off for free. Best used

<http://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/key-stage-2-ks2-sat-past-papers>

Click on “For Kids” to access some fun games to practice speed of recall of times tables.

<http://www.mad4maths.com/>

This site has loads of Maths games which help to practice a range of skills.

<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Loads of Maths games on a range of Mathematical concepts.

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

A range of English games and activities.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

Activities to reinforce and practice a range of spelling rules.



<http://www.keystage2literacy.co.uk/spellings-menu.html>

A range of activities and games to practice a range of spelling rules and patterns.

<http://www.spellzone.com/games/index.cfm?wordlist=2255>

## Key Dates and Reminders



- 25th September - Parent drop ins - 3:20pm until 3:40pm - time to speak to class teachers, ask any questions that
- 27th September - Macmillan coffee afternoon - further details to follow
- 10th October - Harvest Celebration Service at St. Peter's Church - children to be dropped off at church - Nursery children at school as normal
- 25th October - School closed for pupils - TED day
- 27th October to 1st November - School closed - Half Term
- 4th November - School reopens - Whole School Remembrance Focus Week
- 14th November - Diwali dance workshop - parents welcome at the end of the day - further details to follow

- 21st November - Individual and sibling school photographs