

Oke Tor Curriculum Newsletter

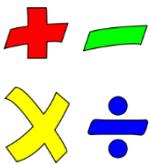
Summer term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer term. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering throughout the term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum, please let us know.



ENGLISH: Within our lessons the children will be developing their writing skills by exploring a range of grammatical features that are specific to a piece of writing using our sentence tool kit. Please remember that it is also extremely important that you listen to your child read **every night** to help them with their confidence in reading aloud in the classroom. Please have discussions with your children about their thoughts about the books they are reading. Remember, you can use the reading questions previously sent home with targets. The children can have access to the library throughout the week, however, we check reading records on a Friday and support children in choosing an appropriate book at their current reading level. Please remember to write in your child's reading record when you hear them read - they will receive a raffle ticket for the reading basket if they have 5 reads per week.



MATHEMATICS: Our daily maths session will include fluency and developing links with known facts. Our focus this term for year 3 and 4 is decimals, measurement, angles and telling the time. If you can support your child to read an analogue clock or watch, it will make a huge difference to their progress. Year 5 and 6 will be focusing on converting units, statistics, properties of shape and algebra. The children will continue to learn and practice their times tables using speed tables and Times Table Rock Stars, so please keep practicing at home. Children in year 3 will be learning the 3, 4, 8, and 50 times-tables and revising the 2, 5, and 10. Year 4 children will have a statutory times tables test of all times tables up to 12x12 where they will only have 6 seconds to answer each question. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions which the children know as MICE- Manipulatives, Images, Calculations and Explanations.



PSHE: Our PSHE curriculum is based on a scheme called SCARF-Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship. Our focus this term is 'Being My Best' which will give the children lots of opportunity for self-reflection and discussion in a respectful environment. We will encourage the children to be their best in school, at home and in their community.



SCIENCE: In science this term we will be exploring the topics of, Plants and Light. We have kicked the summer off with a scientific investigation on our twin plants named Richard and Ralph. We will be using our scientific knowledge and skills to investigate what happens if you deprive a plant of the basic need for water.

HUMANITIES: HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: Our history topic this half term is the Industrial Revolution. We will explore the vast changes that occurred in industries as well as family life. The children will learn about what life would have been like for them during the Victorian times depending on what part of the class system they were in. After half term, we will be learning all about Rivers.

MUSIC: As well as our ongoing work with the Voices Foundation, we are excited to be joined by Helen Jolliffe, music specialist, to work with the children on a range of the music curriculum.

PE: We are extremely lucky that we will have a specialist PE teacher, Mr Pugh, delivering PE again this term. Our PE lessons take place every **Thursday** in school. Please ensure that your child brings in their FULL PE kit. As children are changing alongside others with the same uniform, **please clearly label ALL items.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This half term we will be exploring the Christian festival of the Pentecost. We will encourage the children to explore their own views and be open and respectful to other people's views and beliefs.



COMPUTING: This term we will be working on sequencing sound. The children will be able to revisit and retrieve the scientific knowledge they gained during our science lessons earlier on in the year during our Sound unit.

HOME LEARNING: Home learning will be project based again; please see the attached sheet. We were amazed by the children's creativity on their projects last term. The whole school enjoyed showing their projects to everyone across the school and showed pride in their achievements. We can't wait to see what gems come in this term! Your child will receive 5 spellings each week which we will have looked at in school on a Monday. They need to practicepractise how to spell these words using the range of techniques we have used in class; they also need to put these words in sentences to show an understanding of their meaning. Times tables will also be a part of the children's homework. Children should practise times tables as much as possible. It is important that they bring their home learning books into school on **Tuesdays** to allow marking of spellings and times tables. Children are expected to read at home to their parents/carers daily. Please record this in your child's reading record with a comment.



Knowledge Organisers: The children will have these stuck in their homework books to learn, revise and retrieve information from. They are used by the children within the lesson as a reference to the important concepts of the topic. We also play a weekly game of 'Boudicca', our retrieval game, using the facts on the knowledge organiser, so the more you engage with them, the better your chances of being crowned 'Boudicca Champion'!

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment through Mrs Davey in the office.

Mrs Winter