



Oak Class Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Oak Class Families,

We hope you had a fantastic half term and are returning to school feeling rested and ready for an exciting half term ahead.

In English, for writing, we are continuing our Non-Chronological report writing based on Sabina Radeva's adaptation of Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. The children will complete their sentence work in preparation for writing their own reports for younger children on a chosen area of evolution. They will draw on their Science knowledge as well as discussions in RE around the question Creation vs Science? In Computing lessons the children will create the graphic design elements for their reports using the program Ebook Creator, culminating in published booklets to both show off their writing skills and engage and inform the younger children at school on this fascinating topic.

This half term, our daily Guided Reading will be taken from the book *Cogheart*, and we will be using this exciting story to practise a variety of reading skills. We would ask you to do as much reading and discussion at home as possible too, which will expand your child's vocabulary and comprehension skills. We have sent home the weekly spellings list for Spring 2, which will follow the year 5/6 spelling rules. You can also find the list, as well as some activities, on Google Classroom. Please help your child to learn their spellings, and discuss the spelling patterns and meanings of the words.

In Maths we will be continuing to follow the *Maths No Problem* programme, this term focusing on area and perimeter, volume, geometry and position and movement. Alongside this we will have weekly maths fluency and arithmetic sessions to hone in on any key areas in which the children are less secure.

During science this term we will be learning about electricity, via the medium of Dragon's Den. The children will enter the Dragons' Den and market their very own inventive festive lights decorations. They will apply their knowledge of electricity and use motors, switches, bulbs and buzzers to make their product the clear choice for the dragons (Mrs. Prihar and Miss El Oakley!).

For our Humanities work this term we will be delving into human geography, using Brazil as a focus. The children will investigate the many differences between urban and rural Brazil and case study the lives of people living there. We will also use this fascinating country as a



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basis for some work on climate, and we will make comparisons between the physical geography of Brazil and the UK. The children will engage in geographical enquiry, asking questions of evidence and examining what it might tell us about Brazil. They will then use their investigations on the huge cultural, physical, and human diversity in Brazil to present their learning to others.

PE will remain on a Tuesday and Wednesday for this term. We will be learning about cardiovascular fitness and discrete muscle groups through a range of activities based on circuits.

RE will be focused around Understanding Christianity. The children will be finding out the answer to the key question: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? We will recap the Easter story and the children will learn that Jesus' resurrection is fundamental to Christian belief. The children will look for evidence for the resurrection in Luke 24 and make clear connections between Christian belief in the Resurrection and how Christians worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Finally as always, if you wish to speak with any of us regarding your child, please pop in and see us, or leave a message with the office for us to call you and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Mrs Prihar, Miss El Oakley and Mrs Fundell