



OAK

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2026

Year 1

Meet the Team

Hello and welcome back to Oak Class after Christmas break. We are so excited to share all the fun that Spring term holds.

Miss Musther will continue to teach in Oak Class, with the continued support of Mrs Hall on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday followed by Mrs Barker on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Barker will continue to cover Miss Musther on a Wednesday for PPA and ECT time.

We have an open door policy, so please speak with a member of staff before or after school if you have any questions or queries. If this is not possible, please speak to Mrs James or Miss Mills in the school office and they will happily help to arrange a meeting.

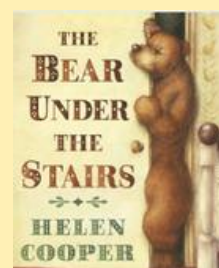
What We Are Learning

Literacy

This term we will be using our well loved Literacy Tree scheme to support our love for reading. We will be diving into our chosen text: *'The Bear and the Piano'* by David Litchfield. This text will provide pupils with many meaningful writing opportunities to produce a non-fiction piece of writing of their own. We will then move onto the text, *'The Bear Under the Stairs'* where pupils will produce their own letters of advice and report facts about bears.

Books of the Term

We are going to be reading the following books:

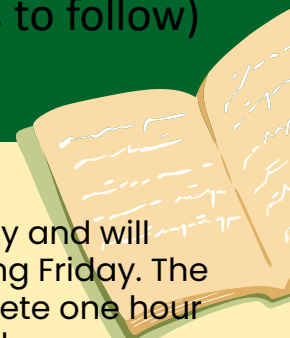


Important Dates

- Friday 23rd January, 2025 at 9:00 am – Phonics Meeting for parents of Reception and Year 1 Children
- Thursday 5th March, 2026 – World Book Day (more details to follow)
- Friday 20th March 2026 – Red Nose Day 2026 (more details to follow)

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Friday. The children are expected to complete one hour of homework per week in Oak Class as per our policy. This will mostly be linked to strengthening phonics skills through reading.



Guided Reading

Throughout this term we will listen to your child read multiple times a week. We will listen to your child read their book which they take home and then at other times of the day including phonics and writing lessons. We will then use this information to change their reading books each week.

Maths

In Maths we will be using White Rose Maths where we will be starting Spring term learning addition and subtraction where children will have lots of practical opportunities. We will then move on to multiplication and division.

RE

Oak Class will start the year in RE answering the question, what can we learn from sacred books? This will then support us learning the following topic of different faith communities.

Science

As we become scientists in Oak Class, we begin to investigate animals including humans. By the end of the half term we will be able to explain our findings.

Computing

In computing we will begin exploring data. We will be gaining knowledge on how to collect, sort and represent data findings. We will then be moving on looking at creating our own ebooks.

Art and design

As artists, we will continue our colour work from the end of last half term, continuing to explore the mixing of primary colours before beginning our topic on sculptures.

Physical development

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and children will be required to attend school in their full PE kit that day. PE skills will taught by our skilled PE coaches.

Geography

In Geography we will be exploring the weather in the UK. Children will develop their key geographical skills, using maps, globes and completing fieldwork on our school grounds.

History

In History we will be developing an understanding of how toys have developed and changed overtime. Children will develop their understanding of historical change, similarities and differences.

Design Technology

IN DT this term we will begin with exploring textiles and puppet making. The children will explore the process of designing, making and evaluating their own puppets. After this, children will think back to their previous mechanism topic and begin to explore wheels mechanisms.

Music

Last half term the children loved their musical conversation topic; this half term the children will be using their previous music knowledge when looking at Charlie Chaplin.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be continuing with our Jigsaw scheme, focusing this term on 'Dreams and Goals' where children will be looking at their aspirations. In Spring, we will be moving onto 'Healthy Me' where the children will explore how to keep themselves healthy.