

OAK CLASS NEWSLETTER



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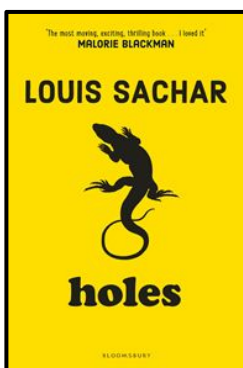
WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

I hope all the children had a lovely summer holiday. With any luck, they will be refreshed and ready to get stuck into a fantastic new school year!

Reading

Children will use a range of texts to build confidence and fluency whilst reading aloud and answering questions to develop comprehension.

Alongside this, we will also read a class novel. Our first novel is *Holes* by Louis Sachar.



Maths

To start the year, we will be focusing on place value, partitioning numbers to 1000000 and addition and subtraction techniques. The children will develop a range of strategies including efficient formal written methods to solve addition and subtraction questions.

Writing

Inspired by our Viking topic, we will start the term focussing on creative writing.

Children can look forward to developing a Viking character of their very own including time set aside to create a visual reference. Then using their increasing knowledge of Viking culture, they will write an exciting account of a Viking raid.

Science

Animals Including Humans

We will work scientifically to learn about the different stages of the human life cycle. We will look at gestation and how this varies from animal to animal, making correlations between life span and length of gestation. We will also look at changes the human body goes through at key stages in the human life cycle.

History - Viking Raiders

We are delighted to begin the year our Viking history topic. We will examine who the Vikings were, where they came from and what they did upon arriving in Britain. We'll learn about Danelaw and how the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons attempted to coexist.





Geography - Magnificent Mountains

In geography, we will learn about some of the famous mountain ranges found in both the UK and the wider world. We will learn what mountains are, how mountains are formed and where mountain ranges can be found. We'll also learn about contour lines.



Design and Technology

This term, children can look forward to researching and designing their very own plush toy. After learning how to use a blanket stitch, they will then create their very own toy!



Physical Education

PE is on a Monday and a Friday this term. The children can come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that hair can be tied back and earrings are removed. We will start the year with orienteering and football.



Religious Education

This half term, we will be exploring the various views religions have about creation and fall. We will discuss the difference between scientific and religious belief and then examine how they can also be complementary.



Homework

This year, children will be expected to complete the following homework tasks:

~ Reading (daily)

Please encourage your child to read each day and record this in their planners.

~ Spellings

(once per week)

Children will bring home a list of spellings to learn and will be tested at the end of the week.

~ TTRockstars

Regular times tables practice will increase confidence and speed of recall. If you have any problems logging in, please let me know.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Thomas