

Oak Class Newsletter

Spring 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and a fantastic start to 2025. From all of the year 5 team, we'd like to say a big thank you for all the thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts we received.

GEOGRAPHY - LINE OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

This Latitude, Longitude and Time Zones unit will enable children to identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude and time zones (including day and night) and explain how they affect how people live.



HISTORY - THE VIKINGS

This term we will be building on our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and looking at the impact the Viking invasions had on Britain. We are looking forward to exploring York's rich history and will be investigating how historical finds can help us learn more about the past in our local area.

MATHS

This term we will be continuing to develop our understanding of fractions before moving on to multiplication and division. We will then look at data and statistics.

SCIENCE - EARTH AND SPACE

In science, we will explore the important events in the history of space exploration. We will research how ideas about the shape of Earth and its position in the Solar System have changed over time. We will use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and describe the movement of the Moon in relation to the Earth. We will also be learning about the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun in the Solar System.

Religious Education

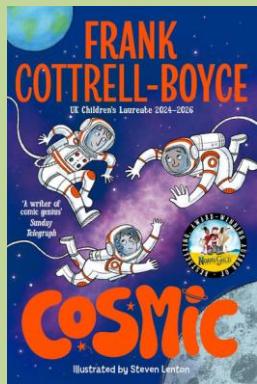
This term, we will be focusing on the question, 'What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?'. We will identify and explain Muslim beliefs about God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an. The children will find connections between Muslim beliefs and worship and explore how Muslims put their beliefs into practice in different ways.

COMPUTING

This term we will be developing our word processing skills. We will learn how to format our work and select appropriate fonts as well as becoming quicker and more accurate when typing.

ENGLISH

We will be starting the term with a unit of writing based on the text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Using this as a starting point, we will be writing our own versions of the story and developing our persuasive writing to convince the audience to let us go on a trip into space. We will be moving on to writing a non-chronological report about our own intergalactic fantasy setting.



PE

PE is on a Tuesday and a Wednesday this term and children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please can hair to be tied back and earrings removed. We will start the year with gymnastics and circuit training, followed by netball and hockey.

DT & ART

In art we will be Exploring how artists use a variety of media to capture spirit of the place. We will focus on exploratory work to discover mixed media combinations. In DT we will be designing and making a stuffed toy with careful consideration of the main components. We will be learning how to use blanket stitch to join fabric.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue and our first session is on Wednesday 14th January. The children will need to come to school in warm outdoor kit and have a full change of clothes (PE kit). Please can children wear wellies, walking boots or trainers that can get muddy.

HOMEWORK

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

~ Reading Circles

Children will bring home a text and are expected to read a small section each week. This is accompanied by a task linked to one of our reading roles.

~ Reading

Please encourage your child to read, preferably daily and record in their planners. Reading diaries are required in school every day to monitor reading and for use in guided reading groups.

~ Spellings

Children will bring home a list of spellings to learn and will be tested on them at the end of the week. They will also have a piece of work to complete linked to their spellings to be handed in, by the following Monday please.

~ TT Rockstars

Regular times tables practice will increase their confidence and speed of recall. Children will complete a speed test once a week on their target times tables.

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Childs and Mrs Ollerenshaw