



Oak and Chestnut Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

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Welcome back to a new term at Emscote. This mini newsletter gives you an overview of the learning for this term and a few reminders and routines.

Literacy and Topic

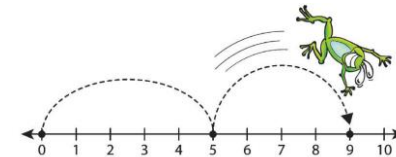
We will be having quite a big focus on storytelling and writing, developing a plot and ensuring our stories have a clear beginning, middle and ending. We will also cover different styles of writing such as instructions and labelling. Recording in science will also be a focus.

Our weekly grammar (SPaG), guided reading and phonics sessions will continue as usual. Our topic (Where's Wally in Warwick), will be geography and history based, looking at our local environment, physical and manmade features, The Great Fire of Warwick and William Shakespeare.



Maths

Our maths sessions will continue with work on numbers, including subtraction and addition, place value, and measurements (length, height, weight and volume). Please continue to encourage your child to work on 'Mathletics'. The username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.



PE

This term, Year1 have Fiery Feet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs Evans and yoga on Friday. Fiery feet will be in hall. They will wear soft pumps or bare feet as they are not allowed trainers in the hall. Please ensure children come to school in appropriate PE kit. They can wear their school jumper if it's cold, or bring in a separate sweatshirt.

Science

This term will start with examining and describing the properties of everyday materials. We will discuss their properties, whether they are natural or man-made and their uses. We will carry out a couple of investigations linked to materials. Later in Spring we will be re-visiting seasons and hopefully we will have some baby chicks in school again!



Other Subject Areas

A lot of our curriculum is creative and we try to incorporate other subject areas such as music, science, art, geography and history in to our topic work. Alongside this, we have a whole-school singing assembly each week.

In RE we cover all different religions; our topic for this term will be on sharing special and sacred times and Easter. We will also have our annual Chinese New Year assembly for the whole school, along with workshops



for Year 1.

Reading

Your child will have now received their new 'Spring Term Reading Diary'. We would like reading books and diaries to be in school daily. We aim to do group or guided reading once a week along with at least one individual read.

If reading books need changing, your child can put their reading packets in the tray inside the classroom. Please encourage them to do this first thing in the morning. It gives us the opportunity to change the book and update their reading record - thank you. We will now also be visiting the library once a fortnight and more if we are able. Please ensure library books are in book bags.



If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and see us. We have more time at the end of the day. Please let us know if anyone different is picking up your child so that we can write it on the board.

Homework and Spellings

We send homework out on a Friday. It would be great to see 100% return of homework books by the following Wednesday, please, so that they can be marked in time. Spellings are sent home with the homework. These are practised in class during the following week and tested on the Friday. At the end of each half term children are tested on all the spellings which determines whether they move on to the next colour group. We value your support in helping your child learn to read, write and spell these. To extend their learning, encourage your child to use the words to create and write different sentences.

We're really pleased with the amount of children getting certificates for their work on mathematics. If log-in details have been mislaid, please let us know.

Mathletics (www.mathletics.co.uk)



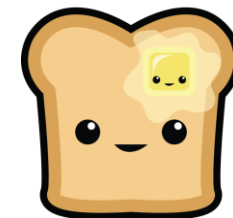
Clothing for Colder Weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named, warm coat every day. It would be useful if they had a pair of named wellies in school at all times so we can use all areas of outside throughout the year. If possible, could each child have some spare clothing in their bags in case of accidents or falling in the wet weather.



Toast – Toast is £1 per week (Mondays, preferably). If your child would prefer to eat fruit please let us know and we can inform Mrs Robertson.

Some parents have paid for the term or up to half term. We've kept a record- please do whatever is best for you or your circumstances



If there are any parents who have any spare time we are always looking for helpers to prepare resources for displays or lessons. Just let your teacher know if you are able to do this. Thank you!

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school so that they can have a drink during the day. They will be sent home each afternoon and are to be brought in filled the following morning.

