



## Oak and Chestnut Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2019

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Welcome back to a new term at Emscote. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. Firstly, a big thank you for all of the kind gifts you gave to us which were very much appreciated. 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.

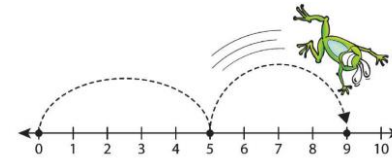
We will also cover different styles of writing such as instructions and labelling. Recording in science will also be a focus.

Our weekly grammar (SPaG), guided reading and phonics sessions will continue as usual. Our topic (Where's Wally and Will), 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 lots more work on numbers, including working on subtraction, addition and measurements (length, height, weight and volume). We look forward to seeing you at our next IMPACT maths' workshop where your child's home learning will be maths focused. Check the Emscote Express for dates!



### PE

This term, Year1 have gymnastics on Tuesday afternoon with Mr. Partridge and games on Friday afternoon for enrichment PE. Games lessons are weather dependent and may be outside, whilst gymnastics is gym-based. Please ensure children have a labelled PE kit in school – including shorts, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and pumps. They can wear their school jumper if it's cold, or bring in a separate sweatshirt.

### Science

This term we will conclude looking at animals, focussing on humans and exploring our five senses. We will then move on to examining and describing the properties of everyday materials. After half term we are looking forward to having living chicks in school. Severn Trent Water will visit and run workshops, to support our science investigation learning.



### 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 topics for this term will be on sharing, shining lights 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.



**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 endeavour to 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. 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](http://www.mathletics.co.uk))



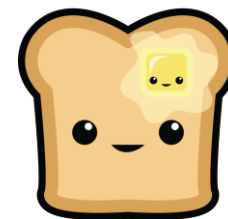
### Clothing for Colder Weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named, warm coat every day. They are also welcome to bring in a pair of named wellies as we do encourage the grassy area to be used throughout the year – and they can visit our resident chickens!



**Toast – 20p per slice at morning break.**

Children can bring in £1 to give to Mrs Robertson on a Monday for the whole week if that is easier.



**Oak class sharing assembly is on Friday 15th March!**



**Chestnut class sharing assembly is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March!**

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle at school so that children can have a drink during the day.

