




Oak and Chestnut Classes
Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term 2023

We hope you've had a well-deserved Easter break. The children have been very animated about their visits to galleries. Thank you all so much. We have a busy term planned, with lots of learning carried out across all areas of the curriculum.

<p>Maths Fractions, position and direction, money and time will be key aspects of our learning this term. We will look further at using number in mathematical problems, including multiplication and division, as well as problems involving money.</p>  <p>Mathletics We are continuing to encourage the weekly use of Mathletics at home and we would like you to support your child in doing this, please. The log in details should be in the cover of your child's homework book. Thank you.</p>	<p>Literacy This term we will be learning poems by heart and writing poems using a given structure. We will be creating imaginative stories and showing these in a range of ways such as drama, storytelling and creative writing. Within non-fiction writing we will be looking at diaries, leaflets and persuasive letter writing. Daily spellings and weekly SPaG lessons will continue. Please help your child by practising their weekly spellings at home.</p> 
<p>Please READ with your child at home! We do expect and also value the support of parents and carers with regular reading at home. We'd really like to see a big push on reading this term. It only takes 5-10 minutes at a time to listen to your child read and it makes such a huge difference to their confidence and progress. It's such an enjoyable part of seeing your child grow up!</p> <p>Reading tips: Get in to a daily routine; encourage sounding out of words; talk about the meaning of new words; discuss the story or themes of the book; relate the story to things the children may have experienced or other stories they have read.</p> <p>Reading books and diaries need to be brought in daily – please write in the diaries that you have read with your child! We are happy to change books after so please remind your child to pop them into the boxes in the classroom first thing each morning.</p>	
<p>Year 1 Sharing Assemblies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Class sharing assembly Thursday June 29th • Chestnut Class sharing assembly Friday June 30th 	<p>Phonics Screening It was good to see a few parents at the Phonics Meeting. Hopefully you received the information booklet. Please do come in and speak to Mrs Stephenson if you have any further questions. The screening will take place in June.</p>
 <p>Topic We will be learning about the works of favourite artists, such as van Gogh, Gakonga and Rousseau and also craft makers and designers. History will celebrate the lives of significant individuals who in the past have contributed to national and international achievements.</p> <p>We will learn about the life of William Shakespeare and have booked a visit to Mary Arden's Farm near Stratford upon Avon to look at life on a Tudor farm.</p>	<p>PE We would like the children to come to school in PE kits on the following days: Monday - cricket and football skills. Thursday – yoga / consolidation of cricket and football skills.</p> <p>Science This term we will be learning to identify and name common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds & mammals and learning about their habitats. We will also be carrying out simple investigations, encouraging prediction, observation, simple methods of recording and results.</p>

Reminders:

- Named water bottle, filled and brought into school daily.
- During hot weather, please apply sun cream before school and bring in hats- don't forget to put their names in!
- Don't forget to hand in your homework books promptly on Tuesday!
- Spellings checked each Friday.