

The Oaks CURRICULUM LETTER - Spring 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We are continuing to use the Inspire Curriculum; the topics that we will be covering this term are 'Poles Apart' and 'Mountain Rescue'. An overview of these topics is attached.

Maths

Number - including calculation, place value, fractions and decimals, percentages and times tables
Measurement - Geometry - Shape - Statistics

English

Writing composition will be linked to our topics.

Poles Apart - Poetry / Chronological Reports

The Word is our Oyster - Persuasive texts

Computing

Our E-safety focus this term is 'Messaging' and 'Gaming'.

We will also be continuing to learn how computer programs work and how to write simple ones ourselves, using Espresso coding software.

In addition, we will be looking at how to effectively use search engines.

PE

We will be having our PE sessions on Thursday (Mr Banner) and Friday (Grace) afternoons.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school for both days. This should be shorts, blue t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. It can be very disruptive if they do not have these things in school. I am happy for them to bring in tracksuit bottoms and an extra sweatshirt to use if it is cold outdoors. Please note these are not a substitute for school PE kit.

French Taught by Madame Hunt on a Thursday

French will link to our curriculum topics wherever possible.

RE Taught by Mr Gould on a Friday

This term the class focus will be on the introduction of the Religion of Islam.

Homework

Spelling - A spelling rule will be introduced at the beginning of the week. The children will then have a spelling lesson every day with activities reinforcing the rule. On Fridays they will be tested on the rule. 10 spellings will be sent home on Monday to learn. The test on Friday will comprise of 5 words from the list plus 5 new words with the same spelling rule.

Maths & English - homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

The focus of the English homework will usually be spelling, punctuation and grammar using 'English Sills'. Where possible the Maths homework will be reinforcing the learning in class for that week.

Reading - Please encourage your children to read every day at home and record their reading in their reading records. It is also beneficial for them to read to someone else at least once a week. Reading books and reading records need to be in school every day.

If your child has any problem with their homework, it is important for them to inform us as soon as possible. There is also the opportunity for them to attend homework club on Tuesday after school. If you do not have regular access to the internet your child may also attend this club to access educational sites.

If you feel that you have any skills or interests that could support us (particularly linked to our topics) please let us know. If the job that you do links well with our topics, and you could spare some time to speak the children, we would really appreciate it, as we are always trying to make links between what we do at school and the world of work.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs E Law