

# Oak Class Newsletter

## Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

Hello again! Welcome to the last term in the academic year. As with the previous two terms this promises to be busy with many opportunities for children to enjoy their learning including our annual residential trip. Towards the end of July we do have to say goodbye to our current Year 6 children but it is always exciting to see them moving on in their education.

We will continue to follow our structured teaching of English combining creative writing, information texts and grammar. Our first piece of writing will be a news report on the Battle of Helms Deep from Lord of the Rings. Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPaG) continue to be vital elements of your child's learning and we will be looking at many aspects of those in the coming weeks. As I said before, **PLEASE** continue to encourage your child to read – the benefit of this is incalculable and, perhaps even more importantly, can open up a world of imagination and knowledge. Also, apologies to the children for the missing capital letter in the picture!



We have looked at most aspects of the Maths curriculum and will now be looking at this learning again with a view to consolidation, extensions and

practice. Once again, the basic mathematical concepts such as; fluent knowledge of times tables, number bonds to 10/20/100 etc, maths vocabulary (difference between/total/sum/product) underpin all our teaching.

### Topic

This time we are investigating **Ancient Greece**, the school budget rules out a class trip to the seat of civilization but we will do our best to bring it alive in Offwell. I am including a **Design & Technology** element in the topic where the children will design and make a Grecian vessel.

### PE

On Mondays Mr Bardot will take the PE lesson and he hopes many of these will be outside on the Village Playing Field. There will be an emphasis on bat and ball games which will include continuing to learn the skills of striking a ball and fielding, additionally Rounders will take place on Wednesday afternoons with Me. **Please make sure appropriate kit is in school at all times (shirt, shorts, shoes and socks).**

### Science

Properties of materials and how they change; liquids to solids, gas to liquid etc. I hope to do more experiments as I know the children learn positively from the practical application of ideas.

This newsletter is only a guideline. Please talk to me if you have anything you would like to discuss about your child and their learning. I am available at the beginning and end of the school day, however, it is sometimes better to make an appointment. My email is: [mdunning@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mdunning@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk).

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