



## Oak Class Newsletter Spring Term 2024

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Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term.

*Our topic is 'Frozen Kingdoms'. This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of Polar Regions, including the North and South Poles and Arctic and Antarctic environments. It includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them.*

<b>Frozen Kingdoms – Our studies will include:</b>	
English	Non-chronological reports; Creating glossaries; working on presentations
History	Polar discovery and exploration; Shackleton; Scott; Amundsen
Geography	Polar climates and oceans; Indigenous people; Polar night and day; Natural Resources; Landscapes; Impact of tourism
Science	Classification of species and adaptations
Art	Inuit art
<b>Other</b>	
Maths	Looking at Arithmetic – mental strategies backed up by written calculation
PE	Tag Rugby
PSHE	Living in the Wider World
RE	Why do some people believe in God and some not?

House-keeping notes:

- Our gate/door opens at 08:35. We take the register at 08:45 and will start work straight after that with a Maths lesson. **It is important therefore that all children are in class – ready to learn - by 08:45.**
- PE will be on a Monday and a Tuesday and PE Kit should be worn to school for both those days. The kit is a green T Shirt, plain black shorts/joggers, PE Hoodie and suitable trainers. **Please note: Normal school uniform should be worn on Wednesday – Friday unless otherwise notified.**
- Any drinks bottles kept in class or taken to PE lessons should contain only water (at lunch your child can have whatever you provide). In Oak the children have their own Chromebook on their desk so we keep bottles on the floor to avoid damage.
- Packed Lunches: We encourage children to take home any uneaten food so parents have a clear indication of how much is being eaten.
- Reading books may be sent home from the reading scheme and children can take home a book from our class library (we do ask that these are returned and kept in good condition), our librarians will monitor any loans.

### Drop-in Weekly Time

As a Teaching Team we are keen to continue to develop good working relationships with the parents/carers of the children in our class. Obviously, we have the twice yearly Parent/Teacher Meetings but we wanted to suggest a weekly time where both Miss Phillips and Mrs Holohan would be available for you to speak to Face to Face. We are thinking of between 08:00 and 08:30 every Thursday morning. Please email us (emails at top of letter) so we can gauge what interest there is and then we will work on more details to ensure it operates smoothly

Oak Teaching Team