



## Oak Class Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. It looks as if the weather is trying to improve so fingers crossed for playing in the meadow and rounders on the playing field!

### ENGLISH

In English we are going to continue with our stripping back of Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar for at least the first few weeks of term. We are now seeing significant improvements in writing technique and style and we want to continue until we are sure it is second nature – the children now often comment when a piece of prose has too many fronted adverbials!!

Even though the focus may be on SP&G you can rest assured that we still work on elements of writing – how else would we know the teaching was working? However, we will move on to complete another of our Literacy Tree books. We will write again giving details of this book in due course.

### MATHEMATICS

We will continue to strengthen pupils' arithmetic skills, ensuring they have a secure foundation to draw upon when tackling reasoning problems. Reasoning focuses on areas such as algebra, fractions, geometry and measurement, and often involves multi-step word problems. A strong grasp of arithmetic greatly supports pupils in applying their knowledge to reasoning tasks, as well as in everyday situations.

### SCIENCE

Learning will focus on Living things and their habitats. We will explore how animals and plants are classified and how we group living organisms based on their characteristics.

### FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

|                  |                                                                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Art</b>       | Continue to paint landscapes using similar techniques but varying colours                                  |
| <b>Computing</b> | Creating media – 3D modelling                                                                              |
| <b>D&amp;T</b>   | Healthy Eating                                                                                             |
| <b>Geography</b> | Trading and Economic Activity                                                                              |
| <b>History</b>   | World War II                                                                                               |
| <b>MFL</b>       | Conversational French – basic vocabulary, hello and goodbye, food and drink                                |
| <b>Music</b>     | Singing a variety of songs, learning breathing techniques and performance.                                 |
| <b>PE</b>        | Fielding and Striking. Swimming.                                                                           |
| <b>PSHE</b>      | Relationships                                                                                              |
| <b>RE</b>        | Why do some people believe in God and some people not? Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary? |

**SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) – a separate letter has gone home to parents/carers of children in Year 6 but we have included the timetable below as it obviously does affect Year 5.**

SATs take place between Monday 11 May and Thursday 14 May. The timetable is as below:

|                  |                                                                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 11 May    | Paper 1 – Grammar & Punctuation<br>Paper 2 - Spellings                  |
| Tuesday 12 May   | English - Reading                                                       |
| Wednesday 13 May | Paper 1 – Mathematics - Arithmetic<br>Paper 2 – Mathematics - Reasoning |
| Thursday 14 May  | Paper 3 – Mathematics - Reasoning                                       |

## SWIMMING

This year swimming is slightly different in that not all the children in Beech and Oak Class will be going. You should already know if your child will be remaining in school – that will only be the case if they are in Year 6. If you are unsure, please contact us.

## HOMEWORK

| Homework Timetable                                                               |             |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Subject                                                                          | Handed out: | Return to school by: |
| English: Reading Comprehension<br>(Green folder – Year 5)<br>(Sheets for Year 6) | Monday      | Wednesday            |
| Maths<br>(Red folder)                                                            | Tuesday     | Thursday             |
| General Knowledge<br>(Yellow folder)                                             | Wednesday   | Friday               |
| Spellings<br>(Red book)                                                          | Friday      | Following Friday     |

Please feel free to help your child if they want their work checked or are unsure what to do. If there are any problems, please let us know.

## REMINDERS:

- **School gates open at 08:35. Learning will begin at 08:45, so punctuality is important.**
- **Drinks can be taken into class but should be water.**
- **PE is on Monday (this term it is swimming) and Tuesday each week and children should come to school in PE Kit on those days only (unless we have said otherwise).**
- **Children should not bring mobile phones or SMART watches into school. If these are needed after school the staff will keep them safe during the school day and they will be handed back at home time. Many of the watches light up at inappropriate moments and can be distracting.**

Please remember that we welcome positive feedback and value open communication with parents and carers. If you would like to get in touch, please email us directly (see top of first page) and we can arrange a convenient time to talk. We often prefer to meet after school, as this allows us to be fully available in the morning to greet and support each child individually as they arrive.

Oak Teaching Team