



Oak Class newsletter. Summer 1 2026

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you've all had a lovely relaxing Easter break. This term we have Beach School on Tuesdays, which will continue to be the day Mrs Lincoln teaches Oak Class. PE kits and trainers are fine for Beach School; there is no need for a change of clothes. Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday, as you know there is no swimming this term.

This term, our topic title is Shadows, Dreams and mysteries. Our science will be based around light and dark, looking at light sources, shadows, how our eyes work and comparing how light appears on different surfaces. In history, we will be finding out about the Ancient Mayan civilisation this half term. This includes looking at pictures of relics, temples and considering their traditions and beliefs. They settled in the rainforest and this links well to last term's work on rainforests. Art will also be about Light and Dark and tinting, shading and still life skills will be taught.

In Maths we are beginning the term with a unit on Time. This unit starts with children telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and moves on to am and pm times, converting time from analogue to digital, converting 12- and 24-hour clock times and finding and using durations. Please help your child with this as much as you can by asking them the time when you can. You can also help them to understand durations by getting them to check how long it takes to do certain things such as getting dinner ready, travelling to school or the length of an activity. If your child is not yet confident with the days of the week and months of the year this would be another thing to help them with.

Our guided reading books are Roald Dahl's classic, *The BFG* and *Farther* by Grahame Baker Smith. Our writing will be based around a fascinating wordless book called *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. After this we will read *The White Fox* a fantasy adventure by Chinese author Chen Jiatong. It follows a young fox named Dilah on a quest to become human using a magical moonstone, while facing dangerous blue foxes.

One of our PE lessons each week will be a Dance lesson based on Wild Animals. The other one will be a Games lesson, teaching Rounders.

Hopefully you have all seen the message on Dojo about Thursday's visit to the Suffolk School Farm and Country Fair. We do need to leave school very promptly (ideally by 8.45am) so if you can arrive a little earlier than usual that would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Briggs