



# Parent Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 1 2023 Oak Class

*From little acorns, mighty oaks do grow.*

## ENGLISH

Over the first few weeks, we will be writing setting descriptions, letters and non-chronological reports inspired by the book 'Holes'. We will continue to build our bank of ambitious vocabulary and embed our understanding of upper key stage 2 grammar and punctuation and the affect this has on the reader. After half term, we will be using the story 'How the Whale Became and Other Just so Stories' where we will focus on punctuation for clarity, writing a range of sentence structures and using dialogue to enhance the action. We will have weekly spelling teaching and reading teaching with a focus on key reading strategies.

## MATHEMATICS

To start the term we will be recapping place value of numbers to 1 million. This will involve us writing, representing, ordering and comparing numbers. As our confidence grows, we will start to apply our understanding to solve problems and reason. We will then move on to 'The Four Operations' and learn the different calculation methods and BIDMAS. We will build our confidence with arithmetic and develop efficient mental methods. Children are encouraged to practise their times tables at home using TT Rockstars.

## PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be exploring what it means to be a responsible citizen, our rights and responsibilities and the importance of democracy, having a voice and participating.

## HISTORY

In History this half term we will be travelling back in time to find out 'Who was the boy behind the golden mask?'. We will find out about Howard Carter's great discovery in the Valley of the Kings. We will explore the clues in Tutankhamun's tomb and what they reveal about life in Ancient Egypt.

## COMPUTING

In computing this term, the children will be introduced to the programming language 'Python'. Children will learn to create loops and nested loops when coding. We will explore the programme Logo to create basic designs. Mrs Wearne will teach Computing with Oak class every Thursday afternoon.

## PE

This half term we will have one PE session with Mrs Hancock (Arena) on a Thursday and our other PE session with Mrs Collins on a Wednesday. You will need your PE kit on both of these days. Clothing needs to be suitable for different weather. Hair must be tied up and jewellery removed for PE.

## MUSIC

In Music, we will be listening and appraising pop songs such as Happy by Bruno Mars, Top of the World by The Carpenters, and Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin. The children will also be learning to sing a song and add keyboards to their performance.

## SCIENCE

In Science we will be learning about animals and living things. We will learn the main parts of the circulatory system and how they work, building on our knowledge from Year 4. We will also look at the affect exercise, lifestyle and drugs have on the body.

## ART

This half term our art unit is called '2D Drawing to 3D Sculpture'. The children will be studying the art work of Lubiana Himid and her 2D to 3D artwork and mimicking her techniques in their own art work.

## RE

This half term our focus religion is Hinduism, and we will be learning about the ancient story of Rama and Sita. We will be focusing some of the Hindu traditions such as dharma and light.

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography this half term, we will be learning all about rivers and focusing on the important river in the Indus Valley. Locating its source, course, uses and some of its environmental challenges, to find out 'How do rivers, people, and land affect each other?'.  
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## Key Information

### Welcome to Year 6!

**READING** - You must bring your reading book to school with you every day. Your book needs to be within your reading ZPD level. Remember, every time you pass a reading quiz or complete a book review, you can earn a sticker for your book mark. 6 stickers = lucky dip prize.

Mrs Wearne will be teaching Oak class on Thursday afternoons.

PE - Wednesday and Thursday

Details about residential will be released this term - keep your eyes peeled!

Timetabling and further curriculum information is now on the Oak Class page of the school website and on dojo. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

