



Oak Class Celebration Newsletter Term 1 2018

Victorians

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Victorians this term. Oak class started the topic with an engage day where we spent the whole day looking at different aspects of the period. During the term we have made thaumatropes and zoetropes, where the children have used their art and design and technology skills. Everyone was very proud of their thaumatropes and Mrs Deevoy and Miss Crowe were invited into the class to share all the wonderful creativity that the children had produced. They have learned about Victorian schooling and some of the terrible jobs that poor Victorian children were made to do.



Accelerated Reader

During the term we have been encouraging the children to read every day and we hope that you will help us, by setting aside some reading time at home. Reading is so important and will help in the build up towards the SATs, next year.

Sian has managed to reach the top of the school's reading rocket by reading a million words in the last two years and we are hoping that more members of Oak class will join her. We allow the children to take their tests every morning and it can be on the books the children are reading at school or at home. Come on Oak class, get reading.



Cogheart

This has been a new book to both myself and the children and we have all thoroughly enjoyed this novel. There now another two books in the series and I have ordered them so that the children can continue following the adventures of Lily, Robert and Malkin, next term.



Harvest

Thank you to those of you that joined us for our harvest festival. The children looked wonderful in their rainbow colours, as did the wonderful harvest offerings that the children brought in. Year Six received lots of praise for their autumn descriptions, which were read out. We had a class vote on the ones that would be used during the service and Charlie, Danny and Sian did a wonderful job at reading their descriptions.





Purple Mash

Thank you for encouraging your children to complete their homework on Purple Mash, at the moment it appears to be very popular and I am very pleased with the large proportion of the children completing their tasks. The homework is set every Friday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday evening. Every week the children's spellings and times tables can be found there as well as a grammar practice game. Some of the tasks only take a minute but if you could encourage your children to try and improve their first scores with a little practising that would be wonderful.

Times Table Challenge

We have started our weekly multiplication challenge where the children have to correctly answer 60 multiplication questions in three minutes. Each child follows their own challenge starting with their two times tables.



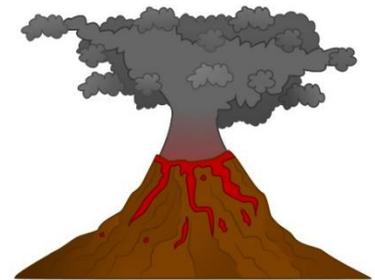
Sneak peek for Term 2

Volcanoes

Our geography topic for this term will be volcanoes.

Vocabulary list

Active, ash, ash cloud, composite volcano, compound volcano, conduct, cone, crater, crust, dormant volcano, eruption, extinct, fault, hotspot, lava, magna, magna chamber, mantle, sill, throat, vent, vulcan

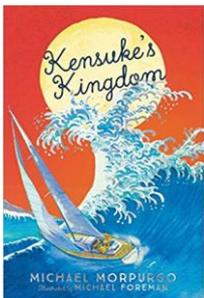


Living Things and their Habitats

will be our science topic.

Vocabulary list

Amphibians, binary, birds, consumer, classification, dichotomous, environment, fish, food chain, fungus, habitat, invertebrates, keys, mammals, micro-organism, mushrooms, nutrition, organism, predator, prey, producer, vertebrates



Our text next term will be **Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo.

'A dazzling adventure' *The Times*

'This is a wonderful book, a modern-day Robinson Crusoe' *Wendy Cooling*

If your child would like to bring their own copy into school please make sure that it has their name in it.

Mrs Giles and myself hope that everyone has a wonderful half term. Hopefully the weather is kind to us and we can all get outside and enjoy the sun for a few more days before Winter arrives.

We look forward to seeing all the children in Term 2.