

Oak Class Celebration Newsletter Term 4 2019

Mayans

We have started our Mayan topic this term and will continue it during Term 5. We have made chocolate crispy cakes, Mayan mosaic masks, god's eyes and created our names out of Mayan glyphs. In our lessons we have learned about where the Mayans lived, how they farmed and how their buildings looked and what they were used for.



Reading

During the term we have been encouraging the children to read every day and we hope that you will help us, by setting aside at least twenty minutes of reading time a day. Reading is so important and will help in the build up towards the SATs, especially with just 5 weeks to go.

We allow the children to take their Accelerated Reading tests every morning and it can be on the books that the children are reading at school or at home.

Friday is free reading day when the children are allowed to bring any book/magazine or printed matter of their choice to read.

A big thank you for encouraging your children to read. All the children have been making wonderful progress, as was shown in our recent PIRA reading scores.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

We have enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this term and Oak class have produced some excellent pieces of writing from it.



Golden Leaf

Each week we have to choose a child that has particularly shone that week. As you can imagine some weeks it is an impossible choice. This term the children that have received a golden leaf are: Emma, Stefan, Toby, Zac, Danny and Tony.



Prodigy

Prodigy has been a great success in Oak class, since its introduction, with the children answering as many as 4250 questions a week. The children can access it at home and they have the opportunity to use the ICT suite most lunch times. If you feel that your child is struggling please get in touch and I will contact the customer service department to re-assess your child's levels.



Times Table Challenge

We have continued our weekly multiplication challenge where the children have to correctly answer 60 multiplication questions in three minutes. Some children have completed the challenge and are now on a series of very challenging multiplication and division questions.

To support the children with their times tables fluency the school has subscribed to Times Tables Rock Stars. Year 6 have been trialling the system and currently Tony is a Rock Legend with an average speed of 1.33 seconds per answer.





Attendance

Attendance has been very good this term and Oak class have managed to win Groot once– at the time of writing this. Fingers crossed we can keep up our brilliant attendance and win the final week’s attendance as well.

One of the greatest impacts that the class’s attendance continues to be is on the children’s progress, which has been fantastic to see. All of the children should be very proud of themselves and the progress that they are making.

Clarinet lessons

We have continued our clarinet lessons this term and the clarinet teacher has been very impressed with the progress that the children have made. We will have a few more weeks of lessons when we return after half term. Please make sure that your child’s clarinet is back in school by May 2nd so that they can be checked prior to being returned to Kent Music. Letters will be sent home to offer the children a range of lesson options during the term.



Ofsted
Good rating Good rating

A visit from Ofsted is always a nerve-racking time for any school. You want the inspectors to see the very best of the children, the work that they produce and how we are moving the school forward. We were delighted with our ‘good’ rating and you should all be very proud of the work your children have produced since the beginning of the year and the way in which they conducted themselves during the inspection.

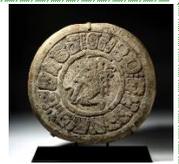
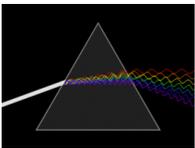
Well done Oak class.

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Sneak peek for Term 5

SCIENCE and HISTORY

Because we have had such a busy term and only having three weeks before we start SATs and then the School Journey, we are going to carry our topics over into Term 5.



SATs

We will have three weeks of Term 5 until the SATs start.

Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May
GPS Papers 1 and 2	Reading	Maths Papers 1 and 2	Maths Paper 3

Please make sure that the children do not become to anxious about the tests. We have tried to make the children understand that all that we want is for them to do their best – no one can ask for more than that.

We would encourage the children to spend some time everyday on either Times Tables Rock Stars or Prodigy, read for at least 20 minutes, play lots and sleep well 😊

Mrs Giles and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter.

We look forward to seeing all the children in Term 5.

