

# Oak Class Celebration Newsletter Term 1 2019



## 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. They have learned about Victorian schooling and some of the terrible jobs that poor Victorian children were made to do.



## Times table rock stars

After our very successful launch day, Oak class have been practising very hard and now have the fastest child in the school ... well done Mia.



## Prodigy

Everyone in the class has a Prodigy account and the children have been using it a lot. Our best week recorded a score of 3987 questions answered - which is amazing. Well done everyone.



## Cogheart

This has been our book of the term and the children and I have all thoroughly enjoyed this novel. Hopefully we shall finish it by the end of the term but if not we will continue to read it next term. There are now another three 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 Ellena, Ewan, Mia and Keira did a wonderful job at reading their descriptions.



## Homework

Every week we expect the children to be reading daily and practising their times tables. We sent home both the Year 3/4 and 5/6 word lists at the beginning of the term and we randomly test the children on a range of these spellings, once we have considered the spelling rule.

We have also been sending home an arithmetic paper. This should take the children 30 minutes to complete. Most of the children will not be able to answer all the questions yet and this is absolutely fine. The children all know that there is no expectation to complete the paper in full, only that they try their best.

## 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.



## 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: Oscar, Amelia, Kieron, Seren, Freddie, Tyler, Ellena, Xander and Bailey.



## Sneak peek for Term 2

### Biomes

Our geography topic for this term will be biomes.

#### Vocabulary list

Polar, desert, temperate forest, grassland, mountain, community, population, climate, producer, food web, predator, food chain, carnivore, herbivore, consumer, decomposer.



### 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.