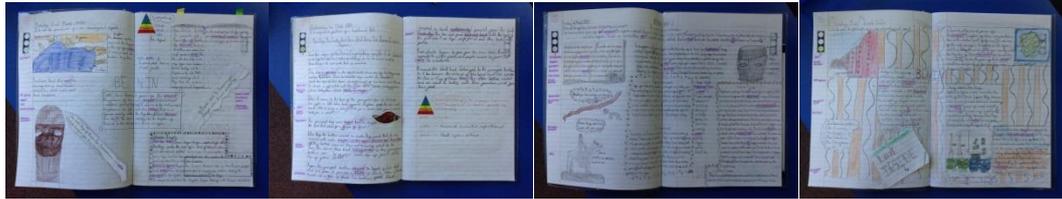




Oak Class Celebration Newsletter Term 4 2020



Benin

We began our topic looking at where Benin sat on a world timeline and looked at the events that were happening in Britain, at the same time. Our first area of investigation was the Benin religion. The children have learned the similarities between some of the religious ideas of the Benin and other civilisations around the world.

World Book Week



Oak class had a fantastic Book Week, enjoying a whole range of different activities. They dressed up, created art work based on our superhero - Buzz Lightyear, designed new covers for their favourite books, took part in the school book quiz and even read!



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: Harvey, Seren and Ewan.

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, including their times tables up to 15 and answering as many as 100 questions in 3 minutes.



Attendance

Attendance has been very good this term and Oak class have managed to win Groot once.

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. The class have even been working together to create their own composition.



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.

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.



Benin Traditional Tales

We have used a number of traditional Benin tales to base our literacy on this term and the children have created some wonderful pieces including: their own traditional tales and non-chronological reports. It has been a pleasure to read their fantastic work and see the whole class develop as writers.

Pancake Race

Everyone enjoyed our Pancake race. All the houses raced and Rochester were the victors, this year.



Go Kart

The children have started building our Go Kart which we hope to race in June. Once it has been built we will need to decorate it, ready for race day.



Sports Relief

Everyone had great fun coming to school in their sports clothes. As a class we decided to enjoy a range of sports including tennis and football. Some children even created their own original game ... Egg and Spoon Hockey!



The Little Princess

After enjoying a performance of The Little Princess Oak class were lucky to take part in a theatre workshop where they learned all about putting on a theatre production including learning about the lighting, sound desk, costume and set design as well as learning about some of the acting techniques that the actors use.



Since writing this newsletter the world has been turned upside down with the arrival of COVID-19. My simple message is to stay safe. I hope that we will return to school before the end of the school year, as it would be such a pity if the children's last year in primary school ends this way.

While the children are working from home do what you can, when you can - as it suits your child. You know them the best. If throwing themselves into as much work as possible is the way in which they cope best, then let them work. If your child needs to huddle under a duvet for a day, then let them huddle. I will provide work for them on Class Dojo but there is no expectation that every child will complete every piece. I have to provide enough tasks to keep the most enthusiastic learner occupied but I am not expecting every child to be completing the same quantity of work. They wouldn't in school and they won't be working on their own at home.

Be kind to yourselves, keep safe and well and contact me through Class Dojo if you have any questions.

Class Dojo

I have set up Class Dojo as a learning platform as it allows the children to communicate with me without them having to register themselves or their details.

Google search classdojo, click sign up as a ... student, enter the class code, click on their name to access their portfolio.

The class code changes ever 48 hours or so, currently the code is YUL TRK. I put the new code on our class blog on Purple Mash, everytime it renews. I understand that if the children do not log out of their account they will not have to keep entering it.

Purple Mash. All the children have their logins and know how to access this web site. I do set challenges, as 2dos but the children can complete any of the tasks that they wish. I also post every day on the class blog. Which can be accessed using the Sharing icon, on the home page.



There are many, many sites that are offering parents free memberships to their sites at the moment try them and use what you think has value. I do send memberships that I sign the children up for through Class Dojo but as always use what you feel is useful, ignore everything else.

Mrs Giles and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter and that everyone stays healthy and well. We look forward to seeing all the children on their return.

