

Oak Class Term 1 Newsletter

Term one has absolutely flown by and what a lovely experience it has been getting to know Oak class, we have certainly been busy! Oak have settled in really well to their last year at Newington and have hit the ground running. As well as our usual subjects we have had trips, our class go-kart and ukulele lessons that have made this first term a busy but productive experience!



English: This term we read 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which follows the story of a young boy during the Victorian era. This book linked to our History topic of the Victorians. We did lots of work around this such as character descriptions and persuasive writing.

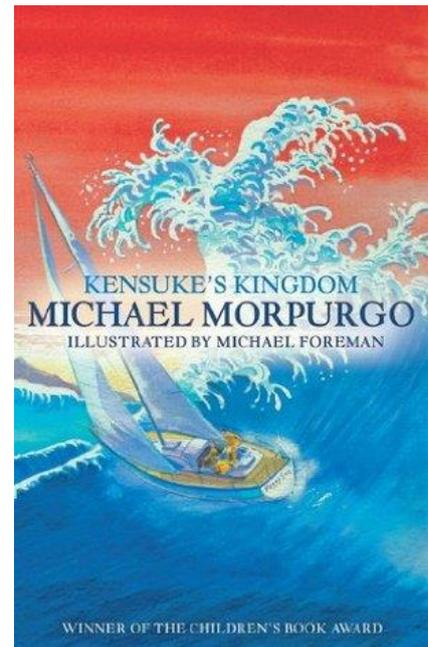
Science: This term we looked at 'evolution and inheritance', with a focus on evolution and adaptation. We investigated how animals have adapted to suit their environment, as well as how they have changed over time. We looked at inheritance and what traits we have inherited from our parents. Charles Darwin is a key scientist in this topic and we looked at his travels around the world and his important findings.

History: This term our topic in History was 'Victorians'. We began this term by looking at key facts from the Victorian era. We then looked at what life was like for Victorian children including the various difficult jobs they had to do. Incorporating drama into a history lesson, we recreated a Victorian courtroom and considered what the Victorian justice system was like.

Maths: This term in maths we have covered two topics. First, we looked at place value including numbers up to 10 million. After finishing this unit, we moved onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This included looking at long division, common multiples and factors, and the order of operations.

What is happening in Term 2?

English: In term 2 we will be reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. This book follows the story of a boy who finds himself stranded on a desert island. This book links to our topic of 'Biomes' and will also introduce students to some aspects of World War 2, which we will be looking at during term 3.



Science: During term 2 we will be looking at Living things and their habitats. In Year 6 we focus on classification and how animals can be grouped based on their traits. We will also conduct an experiment into what the best habitat to grow microorganisms is.

PE: In term 2 we will be learning hockey in PE. PE will be on Tuesday and Fridays so please can students be sent in wearing appropriate PE kit on those days.

Geography: Instead of History, we will be doing a Geography unit in term 2. The focus of this unit will be 'Biomes'. This will involve looking at the various different biomes of the world, their habitats and climate.

Maths: For term 2 we will focus mainly on fractions. At the end of the term we will also look at coordinates.

RE: Our key question in RE next term will be 'What would God do?'