

Oak Class Term 3 Newsletter

Already we find ourselves at the halfway point of the year. I have been so proud of how well the students have settled in after Christmas and applied themselves to their learning this term. Next term there will be a big focus on preparation for SATs which will begin on 9th May during term 5.



English: This term we read 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier, which followed the story of a Polish family during WW2. This book linked to our History topic of WW2. We did lots of work around this such as character descriptions, diary entries and precisings.



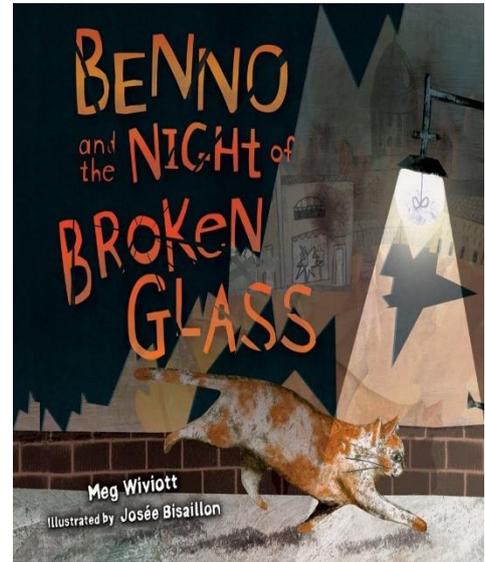
Science: This term we looked at 'animals including humans', with a focus on the circulatory system and healthy lifestyles. We looked at the heart in great detail, including its various parts and functions. We looked at our blood, what it is made up of and how it is transported around the body. We also investigated our heart rate and conducted an experiment into how exercise affects our heart rate.

History: This term our topic in History was 'World War 2'. We began this term by looking at how the Second World War began. We then looked at the various leaders of the main powers of World War 2 and the influence they had. Incorporating art into a history lesson, we investigated how propaganda was used and created our own propaganda posters.

Maths: This term in maths we have covered two topics. The main bulk of this term was focused on fractions, decimals and percentages. After finishing this unit we moved onto algebra. Despite a frosty reception to this topic, students have engaged really well with algebra and have shown a great understanding of the topic.

What is happening in Term 4?

English: In term 4 we will be reading 'Benno and the night of the broken glass' by Meg Wiviott. This book follows the story of a cat in a German city during World War 2. We will also be looking at the video of 'The Pianist'. The pianist is a veteran who relives his memories through playing his piano.



Science: During term 4 we will be looking at some famous scientists that relate to our previous science topics. We will be looking at the lives of Charles Darwin, Nikola Tesla and Christiaan Barnard.

PE: Cricket will be the focus of PE lessons during term 4. PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Fridays with sports coaches coming in to teach cricket on Fridays.

History: We will continue looking at World War 2 for History in term 4. The students have really enjoyed learning about WW2 during term 3 and I am looking forward to developing our learning of this topic further.

Maths: For term 4 we will focus on perimeter, area and volume as well as ratio.

RE: Our key question in RE this term will be 'What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?'