

Oak Class Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to a brand-new school year in **Oak Class Reception**. We are excited to begin our learning journey together this term. Below is an overview of what the children will be exploring during **Autumn 1**.

Communication and Language, Literacy & Phonics

This half term we will begin our **Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics** programme, helping children to develop their early reading and writing skills.

Our learning will include:

- Starting phonics and recognising sounds and letters.
- Practising correct letter formation through handwriting activities.
- Learning to write our names independently.
- Exploring stories and developing vocabulary through class texts:

We're Going to Find the Monster

- Adventure-themed learning and role-play opportunities.

Colin's Castle

- Exploring a spooky castle setting and imaginative storytelling.

Oh Dear, Look What I Got!

- Developing communication skills through shopping and role-play activities.
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Mathematics

Using **Mastering Number** and **White Rose Maths**, children will develop confidence with early mathematical concepts.

We will be:

- Beginning the Mastering Number programme.
 - Matching, sorting and comparing objects.
 - Talking about measures such as size, length and weight.
 - Exploring patterns in the world around us.
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Physical Development

Games - children will develop teamwork, coordination and movement skills.

Weekly themes:

Polar Regions

- Aiming when throwing and keeping score.

Rainforest

- Following instructions and moving safely in tagging games.

Australia

- Learning to play against a partner.

Wild West

- Developing coordination and understanding rules.

IN India

- Exploring striking a ball and keeping score.

Far East

- Working cooperatively as part of a team.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Me and My Relationships, we will focus on building positive relationships and emotional wellbeing.

Topics include:

- All About Me
- What Makes Me Special?
- Me and My Special People
- Who Can Help Me?
- My Feelings
- My Feelings 2

Understanding the World – The Natural World (Science)

This half term we will investigate **Materials** through exciting experiments and story-based learning.

Stories and themes:

-  *Goldilocks*
-  *How to Find Gold*
-  *Mr Archimedes' Bath*
-  *Pip and Posy: The Big Balloon*
-  *Teatime Around the World*
-  *The Princess and the Pea*
-  *The Lumberjack's Beard*

Children will explore different materials and their properties through practical investigations and discussion.

Understanding the World – Past and Present

Our topic is **All About Me!**

Children will develop an understanding of their own personal history and how they have changed over time.

We will be learning about:

- All About Me Now
 - When I Was a Baby
 - How Have I Changed?
 - My Family Through Time
 - Special Times in My Life
 - Creating My Timeline
 - How I Have Grown and Changed
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How You Can Help at Home

- ★ Encourage your child to talk about their day and share new vocabulary.
- ★ Practise recognising and writing their name.
- ★ Read stories together every day.
- ★ Count objects around the home and look for patterns.
- ★ Share photographs of your child as a baby and talk about how they have changed.

We are looking forward to a wonderful first half term filled with exciting learning, new friendships and lots of fun in **Oak Class!** 🌳 🍁