



Oak, Maple and Hazel Class Information Letters – January 2017

Dear Parents – Welcome back and may we wish you all a happy new year! On behalf of the teachers and assistants, we would like to thank you for all your Christmas gifts. The purpose of this letter is to provide a broad overview of the work that your child will be undertaking in each area of the curriculum during this term. It is hoped that this information will enable you to prepare, support and reinforce your discussions with your child about their schoolwork. Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please refer to the attached letter for R.E. topics. Please note that Miss Roper will teach Oak every day except Tuesdays, where Miss Rodia will teach the class. Mrs Mishan will teach weekly topic and French lessons to all three classes.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Myths and Legends (Greeks) <p>Non-Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recounts ▪ Persuasion texts ▪ Non-chronological reports <p>Spelling and Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mostly taught in school with vocabulary books sent home to revisit misspelt words ▪ Weekly Grammar lessons <p style="text-align: center;"><u>French</u></p> <p>Weekly French lessons following 'Tout le Monde.'</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>This term we are introducing the new Rising Stars Science scheme.</p> <p>Pupils will learn the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power it up – Learning about sources of electricity and how it travels around a circuit. • Earth rocks – Identifying rock types and exploring how fossils are formed. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Music lessons will follow the Music Express scheme of work which uses a topic based approach. The main focus areas still include vocal skills and instrumental work. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China (Pitch) • Time (Beat) <p>The three classes will also prepare for an Easter Show.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>This term we are introducing the new Rising Stars Computing scheme. The children will study a unit called 'Toy designers' - Programming an interactive toy, and 'Network engineers' - Exploring how messages travel around the computer networks and the internet.</p> <p>In all topics we shall promote e-Safety at all times.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place value ▪ Addition and subtraction ▪ Multiplication and division ▪ Fractions ▪ Ongoing tables and related division facts <p>Shape and Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Measurement (length, mass and capacity) ▪ 2D and 3D shapes ▪ Time <p>Data Handling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collecting, classifying and interpreting data <p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>Swimming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term Maple class will be swimming on Monday mornings (Please ensure all girls have a swimming hat and remove their earrings) <p>Children <u>may</u> wear their tracksuit and trainers to school on the day they swim.</p> <p>Indoor and Outdoor P.E.</p> <p>Pupils will be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination • play a range of competitive games, modified where appropriate and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending • develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through golf and gymnastics] • perform dances using a range of movement patterns • compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement
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Design and Technology

This term we will be researching, evaluating and making **money containers**.

Art

Our topic is based on the theme of **'Journeys'**

Geography

This term we are following the **Rising Stars topic 'Do you like to be beside the seaside'** This explores popular UK resorts and compares them with worldwide locations. It also examines interesting coastal features both natural and man-made.

History

This term we are following the **Rising Stars topic 'What happened when the Romans came?'** – Learning about the lives, challenges and achievements of the Romans in Britain.

Please provide a water bottle and ensure that they are refreshed every day. Please ensure that all school uniform, including PE kit, is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you wish to speak with us, we will be available most days after school but it is advisable to arrange an appointment with us. If you need to speak to us urgently in the morning we will be available for a quick chat. There is also a clipboard for urgent messages available for parents to write on.

Over the next few weeks your child will need a clear jam jar (minus label) for use in science. Please provide your child with a named jar a.s.a.p.

K Roper/ R Rodia (Oak)

P Jarrett (Hazel)

S Bull (Maple)