

Homework

In Oak and Rowan Class:

Children have one piece of homework each week based on supporting them with developing their reading and spelling skills. This homework directly supports your child to achieve the level that they are expected to be at by the end of the year - please help them to get there. Optional Scrap Book Homework is also issued each term. Homework is handed out each **Friday** and is due in the following **Wednesday**.

We expect children to read at home at least 4 times a week but ideally every day. Please remember to write in your child's Reading Diary every time you read with them at home.

In Sapling Class:

Children can choose to borrow books from the class lending Library and they can also choose to borrow fun Homework Folders – see Mrs Ellis if you are interested.

Information

Every Tuesday afternoon at 3.05pm we invite Oak and Rowan parents and carers to come into class to look at the children's Literacy and Number books. The first of these will take place on Tuesday 16th January. Sapling parents and carers are invited to drop in at 3:05pm every Thursday to look at the children's Learning Journeys, the first session being on Thursday 18th January. Your child will really enjoy showing you what they have been working on in school each week and you can keep up to date with the progress they are making.

Reminders

Please make sure that your child:

- brings their book bag to school every day.
- brings a coat to school every day.
- has a water bottle in school.
- always has their PE kit in school (we will send it home at the end of each half term). PE sessions are on a Monday for Oak, Rowan and Sapling Classes.
- Please bring suitable clothes for our visits to the Forest area. Friday afternoons for Oak and Rowan and Tuesday afternoons for Sapling Class.

Please make sure that all items of clothing, bags and water bottles are named.



Phase 1 Spring Term Overview

Staff Members:

Oak and Rowan Class:

- Mrs Evans (Teacher)
- Mrs Dance (Teaching Assistant - am sessions)
- Mrs Withers (Teaching Assistant - pm sessions)
- Mrs Hatton (1:1 Teaching Assistant)

Sapling Class:

- Mrs Ellis (Nursery Leader)
- Mrs Withers (Teaching Assistant - am sessions)
- Mrs Dance (Teaching Assistant - pm sessions)

English

During the first half term we will be basing our learning around a range of non-fiction texts to learn more about creatures that live in the sea and then we will turn our attention to the story 'Pirate Pete' by Nick Sharratt for our narrative work and 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae for our poetry work. We will be writing our own information pages, retelling stories and creating our own riddles. Next half term we will be basing our learning around the texts 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit' by Il Sung Na where we will be focussing on weather and the changing seasons.

In addition, children in Oak and Rowan Class will have a daily session looking at phonics and high frequency tricky words; fortnightly Phonics Write sessions to support spelling development and Guided Reading or Individual reading with an adult at least twice a week. Children are also developing their comprehension skills through our ERIC sessions.

We 'Stop and Read' at 3pm daily, if your child has a favourite story they would like to share with the class then please send it into class so we can all enjoy it.

Can you help? We need volunteers to come into school to read with individual children – if you can spare some time on a regular basis and would be interested in helping out please let us or the office know. Thank you.

Maths

We are continuing to develop accurate counting skills and number recognition with a focus on numbers to 5 in Sapling Class and to 10 and beyond in Oak and Rowan Class. We are learning to recite numbers forwards and backwards, count objects accurately, recognise number patterns, use a five or ten frame to support our learning and find one more and one less than a given number. We will then be moving on to our addition and subtraction unit.

Children will also be ordering objects based on size, developing their positional language to describe where Norman the toy Goldfish is and using language of shape, size and capacity to find new homes for the pretend hermit crabs!

Topic



Our topic for the first half term is **Under the Sea**.

Within this topic we will be learning about creatures that live in the sea as well as enjoying some imaginative pirates and mermaids role-play! In Art we will be creating all sorts of wonderful sea creatures to add to our under the sea role play corner. In Understanding the World we will be learning to sort animals and compare habitats. In PD we will be learning to get changed for PE and Forest sessions with increasing independence, moving in a range of ways whilst safely negotiating space and learning how exercise and a healthy diet help to keep us healthy. PSED will focus on the areas of love, friendship and discussing things that we are good at. In Music with Mrs Allen-Brown the children will be responding to music through movement and will create their own dances.

At home log-in to Espresso by going to <https://home.espresso.co.uk> and log in with the username - **student26742** and password - **Grange1**. Children should be working in the 'Foundation Area'. In the folder 'Understanding the World' you will find videos, photos and activities linked to our 'Under the Sea' topic.



After half term our topic will be **Spring**.

Within this topic we will be learning about the four seasons and studying changes in our Forest area. We will also look at different types of weather. In PSED and PE we will be focusing on our school value: co-operation, learning how to work together through team games and developing our sharing and turn-taking skills. In the run up to Easter we will be discussing if and how we celebrate Easter at home. In Music children will be learning and performing a selection of songs on the theme of weather.

Log-in to **Espresso**: Understanding the World: Weather - for videos, photos and activities linked to our topic.