



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Oakwood Class. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and I am pleased to see the children have all returned with a really positive and mature attitude for the new school year and the challenges it will bring.

Our main theme this term is the Anglo-Saxons and we will start by investigating where they came from and why. We will also develop an understanding of life - learning about the homes, religious changes, jobs, clothes and changes during this period. In English we will be looking at Beowulf and The Hobbit, reading and using extracts to write our own stories involving a hero. We will also work on non-chronological reports and poems.

In maths this term we will focus on securing place value, place value in larger numbers (up to 10 000 000) and in decimal numbers and using this to help with different calculations (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also be revising and developing formal written methods of calculation, focusing on using these to solve problems and check our accuracy using the inverse (the opposite calculation).

Mrs Moss teaches Oakwood class on Thursdays. She will focus on measuring in maths and provide a spelling and grammar lesson. The children will be set weekly spelling and grammar homework which will be sent home on Thursday and should be returned to school on the following Tuesday. In the afternoon Mrs Moss will develop handwriting, teach French and music (recorders).

Our RE topic this term is Buddhism and links to Christianity. We will investigate the foundation of this religion, places of worship, symbols and the beliefs and how these are put into practice. After half-term our focus will move towards Christmas and preparing for our Christmas production.

In computing we will be evaluating websites and looking at what makes a good website before developing our own based on our work on the Anglo-Saxons.



This term our science topic is materials. We will look at the properties of materials and how these are linked to their uses. We will investigate conductivity, insulation, electrical conductivity, strength, hardness, transparency and water resistance. We will also investigate how materials can be mixed, separated and changed.

Outdoor PE this term will take place on Friday with Mrs Stafford and initially focus on developing orienteering and running skills in preparation for cross country. We will be developing stamina and working on pacing ourselves as well as map reading activities. On Tuesday we will be indoors, developing dance skills.

Weekly homework will be set by Mrs Moss and focus on spelling and grammar. There will also be a grid with a choice of activities linked to other curriculum areas which will be set for several weeks. Homework is also put on the VLE.

Please try to read with your child regularly and focus on discussing the text they are reading. Discussion is really good for developing comprehension skills and helping the children get the most from what they read. Thinking about their likes and dislikes and justifying them with evidence from the text is a really valuable skill. We are also trying to encourage the children to make links from their books to other books, films and real life events and would be grateful if you could discuss these at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss anything, and we look forward to an exciting term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Francis, Mrs Moss and Mrs Reeves