



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Oakwood Class. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and I am pleased to see the children have all returned with a positive and mature attitude.

Our main theme this term is the Vikings and we will start by investigating where they came from and why. We will also develop an understanding of life - learning about homes, raids, jobs, clothes and changes during this period. We will compare the Vikings to the Anglo-Saxons and return briefly to the Anglo-Saxons before ending the unit by learning about the Battle of Hastings.

In maths this term we will focus on decimal numbers and revising formal written methods of calculation when working with these. There will remain a focus on solving problems and checking our accuracy using the inverse (the opposite calculation). We will also look at understanding ratio, algebra and percentages.

Mrs Moss will be taking Oakwood class on Thursdays. She will focus on measuring in maths, including area and perimeter 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 and teach French. Oakwood class are also very lucky this term to have a specialist violin teacher visiting on Thursdays to introduce them to the violin and provide expert tuition.

Our RE topic this term is "Peter and Paul". We will investigate who these characters are and what they did. We will look at what their actions tell us about them and how they impacted on the spread of Christianity. After half term our focus will move towards Easter and looking at the crucifixion, considering the role of free-will and determinism.

In computing we will be using Flowol to develop flowcharts and programmes to control outputs. Our programmes will also incorporate multiple inputs and decision making processes.

This term our science topic is "Electricity and light". During the electricity work we will build different circuits and learn how to draw these. We will look at factors which effect how well circuits perform and understand current and voltage. When looking at light, we will find out how we see and how light can be reflected and refracted. We will also work on understanding how colour is made and seen.



PE this term will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. One afternoon we will be outside developing hockey skills and the other session will be indoors developing dances based on the Hakka.

Weekly homework will be set by Mrs Moss and focus on spelling and grammar. There will also be weekly online maths homework. This will be set using "Mymaths.co.uk" on Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. The activities will consolidate the material we have covered in class that week. If you lose your log-in details please come and ask me for another copy. We will try to start the homework in class on Friday so that the children know what they need to do.

Please try to read and discuss texts with your child regularly so that they can 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