

Reception Newsletter

May 2021

We have had another great term in Oak Class. We cannot believe that we are approaching the final term of the year. It has been so lovely to have a full term together embedding those set 1 and set 2 sounds, developing our mathematical reasoning and learning all about the wonderful world of minibeasts. As the days get warmer and Summer approaches don't forget to send your child in with a **labelled** sunhat.

Minibeasts

After creating a super bug hotel at the end of Term 4 we decided that we would explore the world of minibeasts this term. The children have been on many minibeast hunts around the school. They have used pooters to look at different insects more closely.

Oak Class have described the insects in detail looking at their features (wings, antennae, foot, shell, legs etc...) They have used pastels to sketch their favourite minibeasts. We wanted to make sure that our drawings were as close to real life as possible so we included lots of detail.



We have also been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are able to describe the different stages using scientific vocabulary such as '**chrysalis**' and '**metamorphosis**'



Next term our topic is 'Growing'. We will be growing plants and looking at how we grow and the transition into Year 1.



Maths

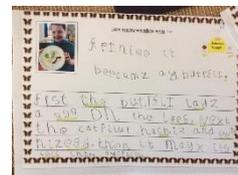
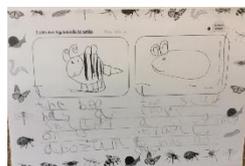
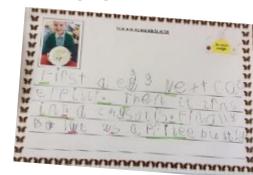
This term the children have been very busy in their maths learning. They have learned their double number facts and explored showing this in different ways. We have been halving numbers to 10 and grouping and sharing. We have finished off the term exploring 2D and 3D shapes.



Take a look at some of our fantastic maths from this term.

Writing

The children are using their phonic knowledge to write words, captions and simple sentences. They know to use our sentence triangle to remember to use capital letters, clear finger spaces and full stops. This term they have written lots of different comic strips and used time connectives to describe the life cycle of a butterfly.



A polite reminder about birthday treats

Birthday Treats ... make it a book!

We have spoken to many families recently regarding bringing in sweets to share on their child's birthday. Covid-19 presents a new challenge for us in considering a safe way to share these, but we also reflect that many children have different dietary requirements and as a school we are keen to promote healthy eating. Birthday treats on their own are not unhealthy, but when we have lots of children's birthdays in the same week they can be! We also recognise that this is an additional cost for families. We would like to suggest that, if you wish to mark your child's birthday in school, you donate a book—maybe a family favourite! The book will be shared with the class and we will stick a special sticker in the front to say who it was donated by, it will then be available for your child and his/her friends to enjoy.

Dates for your Diary:

Term 5 ends: Friday 28th May

Term 6 starts: Tuesday 7th June

INSET: Monday 6th June

Sports Day: Wed 7th July (More info to come)

House Enrichment Day: 12th July
(Children to wear house colour tops to school)

Term 6 ends: Wednesday 21st July

May Half Term ideas

- Learn some songs about growing.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da_LbBewt_e8
- Read the story Jack and the Beanstalk.
- Can you sew some seeds and watch them grow? Can you sew some pumpkin and sunflower seeds?
- Can you make a weather diary?



PE

Our PE kit comprises of house colour cotton t-shirts, navy/black shorts and black plimsolls or trainers (which must be different to ones worn as school shoes). Please label **ALL** uniform

Our PE days are **WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**. Please ensure that you child come into school on these days dressed in their PE kits.



Reading:

Well done Oak Class. We are on our way to becoming great readers.

- Reading books are changed on **Friday**. Once the books are in, they will be placed in a sealed box for an allocated time. Therefore, books **cannot** be brought in or changed on any other day.
- For now, we ask that you leave your reading logs at home but upload a photo to Tapestry each week, so that we can see how many times they have read. EYFS children are allowed to bring in a book bag in order to manage all of their belongings at home time. **No other bags are needed** in school.
- The expectation is that every child will read for at least **5 minutes, 5 times a week**. Please read the book as many times as you can.
- Many children are now bringing home a paper RWI book, this is a book that they have read all week at school and will be able to read it to you at home. They will also bring home a coloured book band book. There may be sounds and words that are unfamiliar to them and they may need help with these.

Many Thanks

Mrs Burden and Mrs Dickson