



OAK CLASS - Spring Term

"Battles, Blackouts and Bravery"



English

In Talk4Writing this term, Oak class will begin the Spring term writing flashback stories. Here they will revise the organisation of a story, develop language choice and sentence structures. They will then learn the features of diaries through WWII texts such "The Diary of Anne Frank" and write diary entries of their own, using persuasive propaganda.

In Talk4Reading they will continue to explore a range of texts and their meaning with a focus on vocabulary. They will develop their comprehension skills to answer more challenging questions. Daily Spelling and Grammar sessions will continue and weekly spelling activities using The Spelling Shed.

We are reading...



RE

In RE, the children will be looking at how faith helps people when life gets hard. This will be achieved by exploring different faiths and asking questions about life, death, suffering and what matters most in life.

After half term, they will focus on the Understanding Christianity unit of Salvation, explaining what Christians mean when they say Jesus' death was a sacrifice.

Maths

We will focus on daily basic skills sessions for quick recall.

Areas that children will cover include:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Perimeter, Area and Volume

Children will use TT Rockstars to secure their knowledge of times tables and complete regular arithmetic tests.

All maths understanding will be challenged and scaffolded using mastery and reasoning.

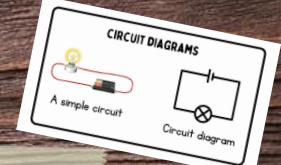
Science

This term, our first science topic is Energy, Circuits, Batteries and Switches.

The children we will learn to recognise symbols for electrical components, linking them to:

- Resistance
- Changes in voltage
- Investigating practical solutions.

In the second half we will be learning about Living Things where we will learn about different animal and plant life cycles including the reproductive stage and how temperature may affect egg hatching.

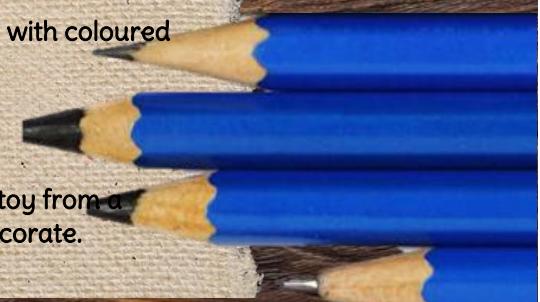


Art and DT

In Art, the theme of WWII will run through each topic and the children will begin by creating Blitz landscapes then move onto an observational drawing of a Hurricane. The skills involved will be:

- Using simple perspective in their work using a single focal point and horizon.
- Exploring colour mixing and blending techniques with coloured pencils.
- Evaluating own designs

They will also complete an artist study of Henry Moore.



In DT, the focus is textiles and class will design a stuffed toy from a template. They will join fabric using blanket stitch and decorate. All of the process will be evaluated.

History

This term, the class will learn about WWII and the impact it had upon the world.

They will understand the timeline of events, know about how certain countries and world leaders were involved, experience evacuation, understand rationing, learn about The Blitz and explore the role that women had in this momentous period of history. They will consider how the war affected Pencombe too.

They will dress up as evacuees, role-playing what life was like for an evacuee, and go to Bewdley Museum where the children can experience what WWII was like.



PSHE

This term, our PSHE curriculum will be split into two areas; Safety and the Changing Body and Citizenship.

Safety and the Changing Body teaches the children how to administer first aid in a variety of situations, the safety around social media and changes which occur during puberty. In Citizenship, valuing diversity, rights and responsibilities and caring for others is shared.



Geography

In geography, the children will be able to identify the countries that were involved in WWII and locate them on a map.



They will explore the geographical features within these countries and analyse population data, in comparison to their local area at the time of WWII.

Computing



This term, the children will start with systems and networks, exploring how data is transferred over the internet and how people communicate.

After half term, we will be examining ways to create media through short videos, developing our skills and language by capturing, editing, and manipulating videos.

French

Oak class will continue to learn French, recapping previous knowledge. The children will focus on money and daily routines. The children will compose sentences in French and engage in conversation.

Music

After half term, the class will focus on the songs of WWII by:

- Exploring the musical era in context
- Understanding the influences of songs
- Singing in parts.

They will look in more detail at the music of Dame Vera Lynn.



PE

We will continue with practising the skills and techniques necessary to be successful in team games through football and hockey. These skills include:

- Moving with the ball
- Positioning and marking
- Playing in different positions
- Working as a team

The children will take part in dance; The Moving Targets Project, and Gymnastics will cover performing more complex actions, balances and shapes with consistency.



Values of the term:

- January - Hope
February - Love
March - Creativity
April - Respect