

Autumn 1 in Oak Class



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our topic this half term is Mexico. Here are a few details about what we will be learning about in various subject areas:

Literacy:

During this half term, we will begin by exploring the picture book 'The Viewer' by Gary Crew. We will focus a lot on how the author uses suspense and tension in their writing and use this to inspire our own work. We will also have the chance to write poems and use personification. We will then progress onto exploring the story of Adelita – A Mexican Cinderella Story. Within SPaG, we will begin by recapping on the many different use of a comma and then progress onto how and why we might use colons and semi colons in our writing.

Mathematics:

Here are some of the key areas that we will be covering over the next few weeks:

- Roman numerals
- Understanding the place value of numbers to a million (Y5)
- Understanding the place value of numbers to ten million (Y6)
- Counting in powers of 10
- Rounding within a million
- Understanding the use of negative numbers

We will also continue our daily arithmetic practise through the use of 545 and our Flashback Four questions which recap on a range of mathematical topics.

History / Geography

This term the children will be learning about Mexico. By the end of this unit, the children will:

- Locate Mexico on a map and describe its position.
- Describe mountains using geographical vocabulary
- Explain the features of a desert.
- Explain the features of a rainforest

Science

This term we will be learning all about the human body. By the end of the unit the children will be able to:

- Identify the main parts of the circulatory system.
- Explain the main functions of the heart, lungs and blood vessels in the circulatory system.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List the human and physical features of a city• Consider how an ancient civilisation impacts on a country's geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State how the digestive system breaks down nutrients.• Explain what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.• Take accurate measures of the pulse rate.• Plan and conduct an investigation.• Record results and write a report which includes a conclusion
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To help your children with their learning, you can do the following:

- Make sure they read daily. Try to engage with them about the book they are reading by asking them a few questions about what is happening, what they think might happen next and which character is their favourite and why. Read with them or to them when you can, this is still very beneficial even for older children.
- Make sure they practise their times tables as much as possible. We cannot stress enough the importance of the children knowing their timetables in years 5 and 6, especially with the upcoming SATs.
- Encourage your children to complete the maths and literacy homework they are set each week.
- Make sure children practise their spellings.

Thank you.

Mrs Harris