

Spring 1 in Oak Class



Dear Parents / Carers,

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

Literacy:

During this half term, we will be using the book 'Seasons of Splendour' in our lessons. We will develop our reading skills by using story maps to retell a story and using inference skills to consider questions we would like to ask a character. Within writing we will write in role as the different characters, writing a letter from one to another. We will also consider the importance of word choice within a setting description and how an atmosphere can be created from this.

Later in the term, we will complete some nonfiction writing, persuading the reader to visit India.

Within SPaG, we will begin by looking at how to use colons and semi colons. We will then progress onto learning about how to use the progressive tense.

Mathematics:

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

- adding and subtracting fractions
- multiplying and dividing fractions
- finding a fraction of an amount

Once we have completed our work on fractions we will progress onto learning about ratio. This will include

- understanding ratio language
- exploring the link between ratio and fractions
- calculating ratio
- using scale factors
- solving ratio and proportion problems.

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 India. By the end of this unit, the children will:

Science

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

- Understand the ways in which we classify different animals.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know whereabouts in the world India is and list its main geographical features. • Use an atlas to gather more information about India. • Understand the features of a river and apply this to the river Ganges. • Learn more about the mountains in India. • Gather information about the human geography of India including the city of Mumbai and comparing it cities in the UK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and create keys to help to classify animals. • Learn about the scientist Carl Linnaeus • Discover creatures which are more challenging to classify and design one of their own. • Find out about microorganisms and understand how these can be helpful or harmful. • Complete an investigation, making a prediction, recording results and coming to 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