



## Oak Class Parents/Carers Term 3 Newsletter

### Fair Trade

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you very much for the gifts and cards – they were much-appreciated. The children have begun the term with a great attitude and are all working really hard. Their work has improved and they are setting a great example to the rest of the school.

#### English

This term, our main text will be 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and we will focus on characterisation. We will be continuing our new approach to English where we will be telling stories to help us with story structure and ideas. We will continue to focus on fluency, expression and intonation. We will be writing using different voices and in different styles according to the character.

#### Maths

We will be covering Fractions this term in both Year 5 and Year 6. This will include: understanding equivalent fractions, converting mixed fractions to improper fractions and vice versa, comparing and ordering, adding fractions within 1, adding and subtracting fractions and year 6 will be dividing a multiplying fractions.

#### Geography

##### Fair trade

We will be learning about the importance of the Silk Road as a historic trading route. We will look at imports and exports to and from the UK, particularly focussing on Chinese imports. We will find out about the meaning of 'Fair Trade' and the importance of it for producers. We will also find out how we, at Hurst Green School, engage with Fair Trade and how we can improve this in the future.

#### Science

##### Animals including humans.

We will be describing the stages of human development including describing the main changes during puberty and identifying changes that take place. The children will present data, report findings and identify the relationship between variables.

## **RE Hinduism**

We will be exploring the Hindu ideas of Brahman and Atman. We will find out about the story of 'Shambo' the cow and the dilemma faced by its owners. We will also explore ideas about how Brahman and Atman affect the way that Hindus live their lives.

## **Life Skills Relationships**

We will be learning about young carers, friendships, stereotypes and bullying. We will learn about the values that are important in maintaining healthy relationships. We will also look again at internet safety and the importance of not sharing personal details online.

## **Dates for the Diary**

Swimming for Year 5:

9<sup>th</sup> January

16<sup>th</sup> January

23<sup>rd</sup> January

30<sup>th</sup> January

6<sup>th</sup> February

Break up Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

## **Important Reminders**

It is imperative that your child reads at least 5 x a week for about 20 minutes. This can be non-fiction, poems, news and graphic novels as well as fiction texts.

Not all children know their tables – we work on this daily but it would be helpful if you could test them on a regular basis e.g. on a car journey, as it will really help them in all areas of Maths.

## **PE Days**

Our PE day is usually on a Monday – please can your child come into school wearing their PE kit. If the day changes we will let you know.

## **Art Activism**

We will be researching the work of artists Luba Lukova, Faith Ringgold and Kate Diccio. We will be making posters to communicate our own personal messages of things that we care and feel strongly about.

## **Computing Databases**

We will learn how to use a simple database and use it to answer questions. We will create our own databases around a chosen topic.

## **PE**

Dance and yoga with Mrs Ham.  
Year 5 Swimming.



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### **Useful Websites**

TT Rockstars for tables practise.

'Hit the button' is also useful for Maths fluency e.g. doubles, halves and number bonds.

### **Homework**

Homework will go out on a Friday and is expected back the following Thursday so that we can go through it. There is less homework than in previous years as we expect more reading as this is the key to learning. Homework consists of 'Grammar Hammer', spellings and tables practise. The spelling test and a tables test is on a Friday. Year 6 will receive more homework this term to support them with their transition to secondary school and with their SATs.

Please contact me via the office or at the end of the day if you would like any additional information. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Ivil