

Exciting Events!

Friday 23rd February – Symphony Orchestra Visit

Friday 23rd February – Sponsored Bounce

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Tuesday 27th March – Easter Church Service 9.30am

Music Day - TBA

English and Shared Reading

We are introducing a new scheme for shared reading this term where we will all read and discuss the same book together in class. I have chosen some lovely books by the author Jeannine Baker called Home and Mirror. In addition, we will be reading individually with every child throughout the week. In English, we will be looking at different types of homes, both here and abroad and even writing a poem about our home.

Maths

We will start the term with a review of shapes and their properties. We will then study fractions of shapes, objects and numbers of things using practical equipment. We will be looking $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ fractions. Later in the term, we will link this to multiplication with the 2x table with doubling and even linking it to division with halving!

Topic and Science

This term we will be looking 'All Around Us' at different local habitats such as the river, forest and chalky grassland. We will be exploring the animals that live there, what they eat and how to group them. We will also be creating art work and percussion compositions about these habitats and learning key new words to describe them.

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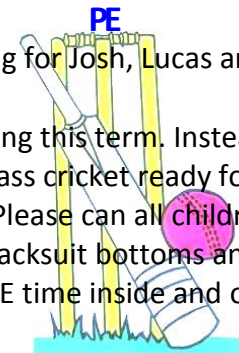
This term we will be leading up to Easter by looking for signs of spring, acting out the story of Palm Sunday and making an Easter garden.

The Reading Challenge!

Due to popular demand from the children, we are changing the Reading Challenge slightly. Please continue to read with your child for 5 - 10 minutes a day and they will gain **one point for every night they read their school books**. Please sign their reading records to make sure they get their points. Although staff will continue to track individual totals, this term the points will be combined to produce a class total so that the children can earn class rewards such as extra play time or extra golden time.

There will be horse-riding for Josh, Lucas and Alfie this term.

There will be no swimming this term. Instead a specialist PE teacher will teach our class cricket ready for the Wiltshire festival in the summer. Please can all children have PE shorts and T-shirts as well as tracksuit bottoms and tops or sweatshirts as we will be spending PE time inside and outside on the playground.



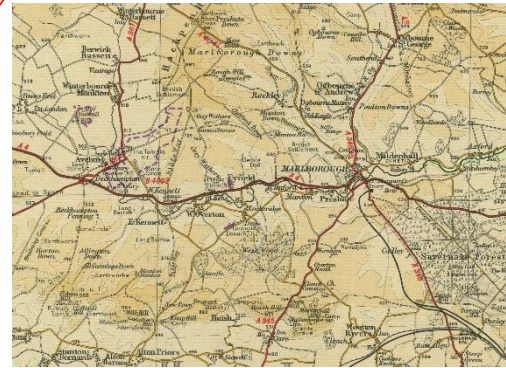
Things to do to help your child and Homework Activities

Homework For School (not optional):

- Read with your child 5-10 minutes a day.
- Help them to learn their SACAWAC words in different ways.
- Please can I have **1 photo of the front view of your house** for our English Lesson by **FRIDAY 23rd February**.
- **Scrap model of a house. You can build, paint and decorate this with any materials you have to hand at home. This can be of an English type house, detached or block of flats, bungalow etc. or it can be of a different type of house from around the world e.g. a yurt, igloo, Japanese house, African house etc. By FRIDAY 23rd March.**

For Home (optional ideas to try):

- Visit some of the Wiltshire White Horses
- Identify some shapes in the environment and describe their properties eg rectangular window = 4 corners, 4 straight sides, 2 longer than the other 2 sides.
- Find some animals and insects that might be living in your garden or local park.
- Talk about where you live, the type of house and types of rooms in your house.



**Oak Class
Spring Term 2
2018**



All Around Us