

Term 1 - Window on the world

Term 2 - Incredible Journeys

We will start the term by thinking about finding out where the children went during their summer holidays. There will be a focus on acquiring and developing geography skills, looking at maps, and locating different places around the country and the world.

In English, we will start with looking at how an acorn makes the journey into the mighty oak tree and we will observe the trees in our school grounds so that we can note seasonal changes throughout the year. We will be reading the stories *The Snail and the Whale*, *Meerkat Mail*, *Lars Journey*, *Ted the Explorer* and *Emperors Egg*, to name a few. We will look at animals that live in hot and cold countries and be finding out about a penguin's journey from the sea.

In addition, each child will be taught phonics, handwriting and reading skills on a daily basis.

In Maths, we will be looking at numbers and the number system. Each child will access the learning at their own level, building on their exiting knowledge. We will investigate what happens when numbers are added together, and take part in practical activities such as a weekly cooking session that enhance understanding.

Watch out for news about a visit to Pizza Express, where we will learn the art of pizza making!

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new teacher for Oak Class. My name is Mrs Mazzotta, and I have been a teacher at Marlborough St Mary's for 16 years. I am very excited about taking on this new role in Oak class and teaching your wonderful children. I will be in Oak class every morning, and Mrs Cook will be teaching in the afternoons. I look forward to meeting you.

In addition, we wanted to extend a warm welcome to Finlay and Kian who are new to Marlborough St. Mary's this term.

Reading

Please continue to read with/to your child for 5-10 minutes a day. The children will gain **one point for every night they read their school books**. Please sign their reading records to make sure they get their points. In addition, we would like to make connections with our local library. We are looking at the possibility of making regular visits to the library to use books for research and to take books back to school. Please let us know if your child has a library card.

Topic

Music - We will be creating and exploring sounds with voices and a variety of tuned and untuned instruments. The children will have a short session each week from an outside professional.

RE - The children will explore what makes them feel special through Bible stories as well as Sikh and Hindu stories.

Science - We will be practically exploring seasons, animals and their habitats and materials through welly walks and art.

PSHE - We will be learning about social skills, understanding emotions and getting on with each other.

PE

There will be horse riding for the following children.

Term 1 - Josh, Lucas, Anderson, Henry and William.

Term 2 - Finlay, Kian, Tom, Chloe.

Please ensure your child has wellies and gloves for riding. Send them to school in tracksuit bottoms on Monday morning with their school trousers in a bag to change into on their return to school.

Swimming

Swimming will be on Friday mornings. Please ensure that your child brings their kit each week. Our session time is from 9.30 to 10 o'clock so we will be leaving school at 9 o'clock. Most of the children will be walking to Marlborough Leisure Centre, for those that find the journey that bit too far, transport will be provided.

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.

Homework

Homework will be given each week in the form of reading and spellings. Any additional work will be given if we feel that your child could benefit from it. We will discuss this with you.

- Please read with your child daily, or as often as you can.
- Practise the spellings/key words that we send home.
- If your child has speech and language targets please practise these 3 times a week. If you need help with the resources please pop in and see us.

Curriculum Booklet



**"Mighty Oaks from tiny
Acorns grow."**

Mrs Mazzotta

Oak Class

Term 1 and 2 - Autumn 2018