

Oak Class

Terms 1 and 2



Key Areas of Learning

As historians, we will discover ... about the local history in our nearby town, Witney

We will learn about ...the Witney Blanket industry, how the farming area helped the business become world famous and how the blankets were manufactured and transported!

As scientists we will be learning about everyday materials. We will explore objects and discuss the materials they are made from, including their properties and how these makes them suitable to use for certain things.

As artists, we will investigate different materials, describing their texture, appearance and suitability for weaving. Thinking about our Witney Blankets topic, we will practise the over under technique used in weaving, using paper to start with, before moving onto fabric.

ENGLISH

Through the use of quality texts, such as My Two Blankets and Mrs Noah's Pockets, we will be developing our skills of writing in different genres. Fiction writing opportunities will include character and setting descriptions. Non-fiction writing will take the form of a diary recount and a persuasive letter.

Use of basic sentence punctuation will be a key focus, along with exclamation marks and question marks. Year 2 will be challenged to develop their use of noun phrases and conjunctions.

Reading and Phonics is taught through daily Read Write Inc. lessons. We will be working on set 3 sounds looking out for 'special friends' (2 letters that make one sound). Through the story books taught in lessons, children will gradually be building up fluency and a reader's voice.

MATHS

We will be investigating number starting with place value then moving onto addition and subtraction calculations.

We will also be building on our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. Then we will be learning how to use appropriate units for measuring length. Towards the end of term 2 there will be a focus on data handling – recording and interpreting information in tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.

RE

Across terms 1 and 2 we will be studying Christianity. The big question for term 1 will be 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'. We will be considering how Christians look to the example of Jesus for how to treat others. In term 2 there will be a focus on Christmas, investigating the big question of 'Why do Christians believe God gave ...'.

PSHE

We will consider being curious, open minded, positive and kind, keeping safe, looking inside ourselves, anti bullying, safer screens, first aid, sharing, being curious and respectful of our school, community and wider world.

PE

In term 1 P.E lessons will focus on developing team building skills along with the fundamental skills of running, jumping and hopping. Term 2 will have a focus on fitness and gymnastics. On Thursdays, Oak come to school in P.E kits ready for their lesson in the afternoon.

COMPUTING

Year 1 will learn how to use their login to access the Chromebook and Google Classroom. Year 2 should already be familiar with this but will revisit as necessary. In lessons we will consider how to maintain privacy and security when using ...

MUSIC

Children will learn to: clap the rhythm of their name in time to the pulse. Sway or tap in time to the pulse. Sing a rhythm in time with the pulse. Copy rhythms based on word patterns using an instrument. Keep the pulse while playing a rhythm on ...

Forest School

Forest School takes place on a Wednesday afternoon. The children need a change of clothes with long sleeves and long trousers, along with waterproofs and wellies.

EXPERIENCES

As part of our topic on Witney Blankets, the children will visit the Witney Blanket Museum. As part of this trip, the children will learn about the industry, handle some artefacts and even see what life was like in a Victorian school. In term 2, the children will begin rehearsals for their Nativity performance.

SCHOOL THEME

This term we have introduced St Peter's Promise - which is a pledge made by the children and staff to 'Work Hard' Show Respect', 'Be Kind' and 'Stay Safe'. This links to our school vision and also to our spiritual journey through school

SMSC

We will focus on moments of awe and wonder within our learning, recognising those 'Wow' moments and moments that fill our and others' sails.

