

OAKLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Curriculum News

OUR CURRICULUM MISSION

“To provide a challenging and creative curriculum through cross-curricular learning, inspiring children to gain a lifetime love of learning.”



Spring Term 2019

Year 3

Adults in Year 3: Mrs Alexander, Mrs Mullier, Mr Hill, Mrs Yeatman, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Bratton, Mrs Draffin and Mrs Hare-Winton

Mathematics

- Estimating, rounding and investigating number patterns. Mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Read the time on an analogue and 12 hour digital clock. Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts.
- Investigate the properties of common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including symmetry. Find simple fractions of shapes and numbers.
- Use standard measures for weight and length accurately.
- Handling Data - interpreting tables, bar charts and pictograms.

English

- Authors and Letters - researching the work of the author Dr Seuss. Investigating the key features of letter writing leading to children writing a letter to the Dr Seuss Fan Club.
- The Lorax.
- Stories in a familiar setting.
- Cross Curricular writing linked with our Geography topics.
- Learning spelling rules and investigating patterns through games and IT activities.
- Guided Reading sessions.



Science

- Animals including Humans, nutrition, skeleton and muscles.
- Magnets and forces - properties; testing materials for magnetism, investigating forces.
- Planning and carrying out investigations. Making observations, gathering and interpreting results and presenting these in graphs.

Geography

- Investigating our local area (village walk).
- Comparing Crowthorne with The Scilly Isles.

History

- Local History.

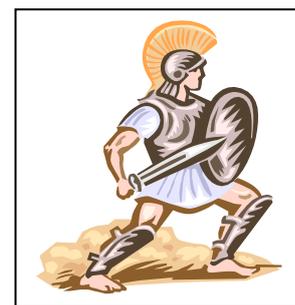
Religious Education

- Sikhs - Commitment and prayer.
- Christianity - Easter.

Physical Education

- Circuit Training and how our bodies are affected by sport and exercise.
- Games - fitness and ball skills in a variety of sports including Hockey and Tag Rugby.
- Gym - travelling and jumping, balances. Creating short sequences of movements and balances using apparatus.

PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday, however, school PE kit should be available on ALL days of the week.



Music

- Extend understanding of rhythmic patterns; identifying repeated patterns. Create own patterns and play them separately and in combination with other patterns.
- Sing songs with rhythmic accompaniments. Weekly percussion lessons for all children with Berkshire Maestros.

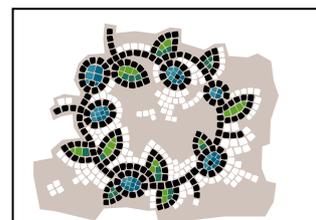


Computing

- E-Safety.
- Coding using 2 Code from Purple Mash.
- Producing a holiday brochure of The Scilly Isles.

Art & DT

- Sewing.
- Local village themed art.
- Hot cross bun packaging and making.
- Painting - Pointillism.
- Trainer sketch (whole school assessment).



Art activities - Please keep an old shirt or apron in school at all times.

PSHE

- Jigsaw Scheme.
- Personal hygiene.
- Heart Start - first aid training.

P4C (Philosophy for Children)

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French

- Revision of colours, numbers, letters, common instructions and greetings.
- Traditional French songs and stories; life in France through webcams, maps and films.

Outdoor Learning

- How plants grow and planting seeds in our Year 3 vegetable garden.
- Observing the life cycle of the frog during our pond watch.

Homework

Reading:

We recommend reading 5 times a week for at least 10 minutes. This should be recorded in the homework diary.

Times tables:

Children will be tested on their timetables on Monday mornings. They should be practising the level that they are working on throughout the week.

Spellings:

5 new spellings will be handed out each Wednesday and an activity from the grid should be completed by Monday.

Homework grid:

4 activities from the homework grid should be completed and handed in by **Monday 11th February**. Each activity should take roughly 30 minutes.

Please check your child's homework diary regularly and sign it at the end of each week. Please record every time you read with your child. If your child has any difficulty with their homework, please record this in their diary.

Year Group Assembly

Year 3 assembly will be at 9am in the hall on Thursday 14th March

Year 4
Adults in Year 4: Mr Lee, Miss McComish,
Mrs Smith and Mrs McLaren

Mathematics

- Mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.
- Properties of common 2D and 3D shapes including symmetry.
- Metric units, reading scales, presentation and interpretation of data.
- Measuring length, perimeter, angles and using compass directions.
- Fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions, fractions and decimals.

English

- Work based around the story of Beowulf.
- Riddles and kennings.
- Stories in a historical setting.
- Comprehension skills.
- Grammar rules.

Science

- Sound.
- Habitats.

Geography

- Map work: using Ordnance Survey maps.
- Field work relating to visit to Ufton Nervet (part of Ufton Court trip).
- Settlements - where and why people settled.

History

- Local history study which will focus on Ufton Court and the nearby village of Ufton Nervet.
- Anglos -Saxons & Vikings:
 - Reason for invasions.
 - Everyday life.
 - Religion.
 - Sutton Hoo.

Ufton Court Visit

Class 4M Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March
Class 4L Wednesday 27th March - Friday 29th March

Religious Education

- Judaism: The importance of God's will.
- Christianity: Easter and forgiveness.

Physical Education

- Games - Tag Rugby.
- PE - Circuit Training.
- Gymnastics.



School PE kit should be available on ALL days of the week. They need to be brought in on Monday and taken home to be washed on Friday.

Music

- To use voices and instruments with increasing control and expression.
- To improvise and compose music.
- To start to recognise and use musical notations.

Computing

- E-Safety.
- Programming.
- Function machines.
- Using digital imagery.



Art & DT

- Pop Art.
- Weaving.
- Anglo-Saxon Stew.
- Trainer sketch (whole school assessment).

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PSHE

- Jigsaw Scheme.
- Ufton Court worries, caring, friendships, working together.
- Discuss issues, which affect children; responsibilities and sharing options.

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French

- Revision of previous vocabulary.
- Sentence building, word order, negatives, questions, use of plural, adjective agreement.
- Songs, games and stories.

Outdoor Learning

- Pond dipping.
- Changes in the school environment through the seasons.

Homework

- Mathematics - given out on Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. Weekly times tables tests on Fridays.
- Home Learning grid - due in Tuesday 26th February.
- Spelling homework to be handed in on Tuesdays.
- Daily reading - (Mon - Fri) minimum 10 mins. To be recorded in Homework Diary.

Please check your child's homework diary regularly and sign it at the end of each week.

Ufton Court Show & Tell for Parents

This year, for the first time ever, we will be doing a "show and tell" evening to parents for the children to share what they did at Ufton Court. This will take place on **Wednesday 1st May at 6:30pm** in the school hall. More details to follow.

Year 5

Adults in Year 5: Miss Davidson, Miss Noad, Mrs Burrell and Mrs Townend

Mathematics

- Number and place value.
- Calculation.
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Measurement.
- Properties of shapes.
- Statistics.

Each child is expected to learn their times tables which will be tested weekly.

English

- Using a variety of texts we will produce writing in different styles including writing arguments and debates from a viewpoint.
- Performance poetry.
- Drama: Year 5 play.

Science

- Properties and changes of materials.
- Life Cycles of plants and animals.



Geography

- We will be studying the Brazilian rainforest and its importance to the water cycle. Children will be set a research project as part of the homework grid, in the second half of the term to be presented to the class as a short talk accompanied by slides and/or props.

History

- We will be studying the Mayan Civilization of South America.

Religious Education

- We will continue with our Hinduism studies.
- The Christian Festival of Easter.

Physical Education

- **Tuesday PE:** Gym, dance and circuit training.
- **Thursday Games:** Invasion team games.

Please name all items of PE kit, which should be in school at ALL times.

Music

- Singing and performance skills connected with the play.

Computing

- Continue our E safety message,
- Learn about search engines
- Digital publishing
- The use of spreadsheets for data handling.

Art & DT

- Investigating the rainforest and Mayan art.
- Trainer sketch (whole school assessment).

Art activities - Please keep an old shirt or apron in school at all times.

PSHE

- Jigsaw Scheme.
- Each week we will use circle time to address relevant classroom topics, such as respectful behaviour and understanding how we learn.
- We will also be continuing with our *Go Givers* project.

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French

- This term we will be revising and building on the work done in Year 4 on writing sentences, using adjectives and gender.
- We also look at the way of life in France, including school life and festivals through the year.

Outdoor Learning

- Pond dipping.
- Life cycles
- Orienteering

Homework

- In addition to learning for our weekly times table test, 30 minutes of maths will be set every Thursday, to be handed in the following Tuesday.
- Children will be able to select homework from a range on the half termly homework grid - due in 7th February.
- Children should read for 20 minutes every night and be heard by an adult at least once a week.

Please check your child's homework diary regularly and sign it at the end of each week. We will be collecting and monitoring homework diaries on Tuesday morning. Children's times tables results will be filed in their maths homework files so that you can monitor your child's progress.

Year 5 Play

"Alice" will be on Wednesday 20th March at 1.45pm and Thursday 21st March. 7.00pm

Year 6

Adults in Year 6: Mr Holland, Miss Bland, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Harris

Mathematics

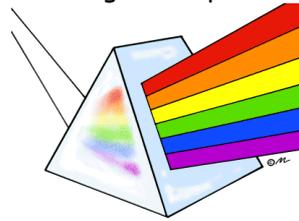
- Lessons covering all of the key areas of maths in preparation for KS2 Government tests.
- Regular arithmetic practice to cover basic mathematical elements.

English

- Study a range of fiction and non-fiction linked with topics - Diary of Anne Frank (class text).
- A study of the Shakespeare play Macbeth.
- Grammar - understanding grammatical terminology and how to apply in order to improve writing.
- Guided Reading - regular sessions working on deeper understanding of texts.

Science

- Electricity.
- Light.



Geography and History

- World War 2 - The Battle of Britain.
- Why are mountains so important?



Religious Education

- Christianity.
- How religion influences and inspires people.
- How our beliefs influence our approach to the world around us.

Physical Education

- Netball/ Lacrosse.
- Gymnastics and Dance.

School PE kit should be available on ALL days of the week. They need to be brought in on Monday and taken home to be checked/washed on Friday.

Music

- Songs linked to WWII.
- Learning simple performance skills related to modern music.

Computing

- E-Safety.
- Presenting information - free choice WWII.
- Scratch.
- Internet Safety.

Art & DT

- Fairground Rides.
- WWII cooking - rations.
- WWII related art covering a range of mediums (collage, chalks).
- Mountain watercolours.
- Trainer sketch (whole school assessment).

Art activities - Please keep an old shirt or apron in school at all times.

PSHE

- Jigsaw Scheme
- Democracy.
- Dreams and Goals.
- Healthy Me.
- Heart Start - First Aid Training.

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French

- This term we will be revising and building on the work from the Autumn Term making sentences, using adjectives and gender as well as creating a colour poem and a project called 'Moi et Toi'.



Outdoor Learning

- Pond dipping and planting.

Homework

- Grammar set on Tuesday and returned according to set.
- Mathematics set on Thursday, to be handed in on Tuesday.
- Spellings set on Thursday, to be handed in on Tuesday.
- Tables - tested every other week.
- Reading - we expect daily reading (to be recorded in homework diaries).
- Grid work set per half term - due dates on the grid.

Please check your child's homework diary regularly and sign it at the end of each week. Make sure it is in school every day. These diaries will be checked on Mondays.

Year 6 will host an assembly and an end of year production in the Summer Term.



Extra Curricular Activities - Spring 2019

Day	Year(s)	Club	Start w/c	Time	Leader(s)	Location
Monday	All	Judo	7 th January	7.45 – 8.40	Judo School	Junior Hall (Fee Paying)
	Years 5 & 6	Football Squad	7 th January	12.05 – 12.30	EPC/Mr Holland	Field
	All	Language Club	7 th January	12.30 – 1.00	Mr Lee	4L
	All	Guitars	7 th January	12.20 – 1.30	Mr Newbury-Maestros	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	All	Soccer	14 th January	3.20 – 4.15	StepUp Sports Coaching	Field (Fee Paying)
	All	After School Club	31 st December	3.20 – 6.00	Beehive ASC	Junior Hall (Fee Paying)
Tuesday	All (on a rota)	Art Club	7 th January	12.30 – 1.00	Miss Noad	5N
	All	Birdwatching	TBC	12.30 – 1.00	Miss Davidson/Mrs Draffin	Playground/Field
	All	Recorders/Flute	7 th January	1.45 – 3.25	Ms Tull-Maestros	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	Years 5 & 6	Hockey Club	14 th January	3.30 – 4.15	Mr Hill	Playground
	All	After School Club	31 st December	3.20 – 6.00	Beehive ASC	Junior Hall (Fee Paying)
Wednesday	All	Violin	7 th January	9.00 – 12.30	Ms Sherlock	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	All	Tag Rugby	21 st January	12.05-12.30	Mr Holland	Field
	All	Magic Club	7 th January	12.30 – 1.15	Young Magicians	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	Years 5 & 6	Netball	7 th January	3.30 – 4.15	Miss Bland	Playground
	Year 4	Badminton	7 th January	3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Alexander	Hall
	All	After School Club	31 st December	3.20 – 6.00	Beehive ASC	Infant Hall (Fee Paying)
Thursday	All	Gym Club	7 th January	7.50 – 8.35	Little Star Gymnastics	Junior Hall (Fee Paying)
	All	Guitars	7 th January	3.25 – 4.20	Mr Stephens - Rock & Pop	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	Years 4,5 & 6	Coding	7 th January	3.20 - 4.15	Miss Davidson	Computer suite
	All	Dance	7 th January	3.30 – 4.30	Elibah School of Dance	Junior Hall (Fee Paying)
	All	After School Club	31 st December	3.20 – 6.00	Beehive ASC	Infant Hall (Fee Paying)
Friday	All	Drums	7 th January	12.00 – 12.40	Mr Tutton - Maestros	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	All	Running Club	7 th January	12.05 – 12.35	Mrs Alexander	Field
	All	Library	31 st December	12.30 – 1.00	Mrs Mullier	Library
	All	Relax Kids	21 st January	12.45 – 1.15	Miss Sellars	Terrapin (Fee Paying)
	Years 4 & 5	Football Club for Girls	25 th February	3.20 – 4.20	StepUp Sports Coaching	Field
	All	After School Club	31 st December	3.20 – 6.00	Beehive ASC	Infant Hall (Fee Paying)

**Please collect children from clubs running after school from the location where the club is taking place.
Please walk round the school to that location, as reception will not be open.**