

Oak Class News

Autumn Term 2025

Dear Oak families,

Welcome back to another academic year at Chilthorne! We hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are all ready for the term ahead. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the children I don't know already and spending another fabulous year with the ones I do! We have lots of exciting things planned and I am sure we are going to have a fantastic year!

Please find some information below about how life in Oak will work this year...

Many thanks,

Jen Startup and the Oak team.

Oak Staff

Mrs Startup will teach full time, with alternate Tuesdays covered by Mr Stradling.

Mrs Abbot will support every morning.

Learning

Please find the Oak overview attached. PE day will be Tuesday so please send children in PE kit on this day. We are lucky enough to have Yeovil Town Community Trust supporting our PE curriculum this year. Oak Class will also have Forest School on Thursdays this term so please ensure they have wellies and waterproof coats for this and wear PE kit.

Our first class read is *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans, linking to the first History topic of our **DISCOVER** term; the Ancient Greeks. Children are welcome to bring their own copy to school to read along if they wish.

Similar to last year, children will split into year groups for Maths daily. Year 4 will stay with me in Oak while year 5 children will join Mrs Chesterton in the cabin.

Our first science topic will be Energy and Forces. This unit introduces gravity and electricity and expands on children's prior knowledge of light and magnetism.

Homework

Reading: Children are expected to read to an adult/older sibling at least 5 times a week. Signatures must be recorded in their Reading Record books. These will then be checked every Friday and children who reach the target will be entered into our reading raffle!

Doodlemaths/Doodletables: It is especially important for our year 4 children to practice their tables as much as possible in preparation for the multiplication check next year. More information about this will follow later on in the year.

The expectation is that children will practice on Doodlemaths for 30 minutes a week (little and often proves most beneficial). This consolidates their learning and fills any gaps they may have from previous learning.

Communication

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns, questions or news (after school is often better as mornings can be very busy!)

Alternatively, please email me via the office:
office@cdcs.uk

In the class lobby area, we will have a noticeboard displaying information and timetables.