

## Oak Class News

### Spring Term 2026

Dear Oak families,

Welcome to the Spring term! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and your children are looking forward to a fabulous term at school. We have lots of lovely things planned for this term as we look forward to those longer days.

Please find some information below about our upcoming term.

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

Oak Class will be swimming on Friday mornings throughout Spring so please send children wearing swim suits under their uniform on this day, with underwear in a bag with a towel and goggles if preferred.

We will continue to take part in Forest School every Thursday so please send children in warm PE kit with waterproofs, wellies and hats and gloves as required!

We are diving into our 'Explore' Term and learning about volcanoes and earthquakes through studying three different locations – Iceland, Los Angeles and Bristol.

Our first class book is *The Chronicles of Narnia - The lion, the witch and the wardrobe*. I have no doubt that the children will love the story!

Our next Science topic is Materials and Matter where we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and how materials can change state.

In DT, we will be investigating pneumatic toys and developing a recipe.

#### 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.

**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 term. 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.

Arithmetic will continue to be sent home on Friday to be handed in the following Friday.

#### 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](mailto:office@cdcs.uk)

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