

Oak, Chestnut & Maple Class

Term 1 - 2025/26

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:

Incredible People

History: We will be looking at timelines of our own lives in order to explore the chronology of the events in them. We will also compare photographs from the past with the present by looking at how people spent their holidays. We will find out about the past from people who were there and compare holidays from the past and present.

Art: We will be looking at artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, Lora Crane and Alice Fox as collectors of natural and man-made items that inspire their art. We will explore how these have been reimaged and collect our own natural objects to create compositions. We will also be developing our observational drawing and experimental mark making.

Music: We will be practising good diction through singing fast moving action songs like *Tony Chestnut* and *High lo chicka lo*, playing melodies on tuned percussion, exploring call and response and making up patterns with actions, voices and instruments. Our composer of the term is *George Fredric Handel*.

English: This term, we are exploring the wonderful world of the Mr Men and Little Miss Series. We will be identifying characteristics that make ourselves and others unique and focus on developing our description writing skills. We will create our characters and write their story.

Later, we will be exploring the story of *Funny Bones* by Janet and Alan Ahlberg, acting out the story, creating freeze frames and making wanted posters. We will continue to follow the Rocket phonics program to learn our sounds and tricky words.

Science: As scientists, we will be identifying the basic parts of the body and making links to our five senses. We will be asking simple questions, such as, if someone has big feet, do they also need larger gloves? We will use our measuring skills and simple tests to collect data to help us with answering these. We will be talking about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

IT: We will develop our understanding of what information technology (IT) is, identify examples that we have seen in school and beyond, discuss how IT benefits our world and look at strategies for using it safely and respectfully.

P.E: We will be developing our 'send and receive' skills using hands, bats, beanbags a variety of balls. We will be building our confidence with moving towards a moving ball or beanbag to return it, playing a rally with a partner and working as a team to score points.

Maths: This term we will be focusing on counting, reading, writing, and representing numbers. Year 1 will work with numbers up to 20 and Year 2 will work with numbers up to 100. We will be consolidating our knowledge of representing numbers with 10s and ones and learn to use a place value chart. Once we are confident with place value, we will practise using our addition and subtraction skills to solve problems.

R.E.: This term we will be exploring the big questions - *What is religion?* and *How can world views be expressed?* The children will be introduced to a class 'wonder box' where they will be able to pose questions for discussion.

There will be opportunity for them to talk about their own beliefs and those of their family or local community, before learning about how Christians, Hindus and Muslims understand God.

PSHE/RSE: We will be working on the topic of 'Me and my relationships'. We will focus on our classroom community, exploring why we have rules and how to manage our feelings when we share spaces with others.

Useful Learning Links:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> (Year 1/2)

<https://trockstars.com/> (Year 2 only)