

Maths: Our focus this term will be Place Value (within 100) and Shape.

Place Value: This will include counting forwards and backwards starting from any given number, partitioning two-digit numbers into 10s and 1s, using number lines, identifying 1 more or 1 less and ordering/comparing numbers.

Shape: Yr 1 will focus on recognising and naming common 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Yr 2 will be working on identifying and describing the properties of 2-D shapes (number of sides, and line symmetry in a vertical line) and 3-D shapes (number of edges, vertices and faces).

R.E.: This term we will be exploring the big questions – *How did the World begin?* and *What is Creation?* We will explore what Christian, Jewish and Hindu people believe about creation and think about what creation stories suggest to people about God.

PSHE/RSE: Our focus this term is 'Valuing Difference.' We will be learning about empathy and how to appreciate the positive aspects in differences.

Useful Learning Links:

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

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

<https://ttrockstars.com>

Oak, Chestnut & Maple Class
Term 2 - 2025



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:
LIGHT AND DARK



Music: We will be exploring five movements from *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns. We will practise our listening skills by identifying instruments, talking about the character of the music and showing our understanding of the animal it represents through movement. Later in the term, we will be practising our singing skills ready for our Nativity performance.

Our composer of the term is *Chopin*.

Geography: We will explore the question *Where am I?* We will learn to identify the countries of the United Kingdom, explore features on a map and look at features from an aerial perspective. We will spend time in our school grounds using directional language to describe the location of different features and think about how different places in our school grounds make us feel.

DT: This term we will be developing our sewing skills. We will learn how to use the running stitch and design and make our own Christmas decorations.

English: Our main text will be *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket. We will be creating freeze frames, sequencing, story mapping and writing the narrative in our own words.

We will also be developing our reading skills by using *VIPERS* – *Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarize and Sequence*.

Later, we will be learning and reciting our focus poem - *The Dark* by James Carter and creating our own poems about the dark.

In Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar we will be focussing on basic sentence structure, adjectives, conjunctions (*and, because, when*) and writing in the past tense using 'ed' endings.

Science: We will be exploring the light and dark around us. We will start off by looking at natural vs artificial light sources and explaining why light is so important in our world.

We will then start investigating the dark and exploring shadows. We will learn that shadows are formed when light is blocked and we will investigate how the size of a shadow can differ.

IT: We will be exploring digital photography. We will learn how to make choices when taking digital photographs, explore what makes a good photograph and learn how to edit and improve our photographs.

PE: Our focus this term is Gymnastics. We will develop our skills when performing jumps and rolls, learn how to take off and land safely and create and perform a sequence of movements.