

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 identifying what makes ourselves and others special and learn how friends, family and classmates can help and support each other. We will learn about being a good friend to others and explore how to be kind and respectful.

Useful Learning Links:

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

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

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Oak, Chestnut & Maple Class

Term 1 - 2026/27

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:

Once Upon a Time...

History: *How am I making History?* We will be looking at our own personal chronology and finding out about the past within living memory through looking at photographs and asking questions. We will explore how we remember events and find out what childhood was like for our parents and grandparents.

Art: We will be focusing on mark-making through drawing lines from one point to another and explore pattern and repetition in art. We will begin to experiment with using paintbrushes and other materials to make marks. We will then use these skills to create our own artwork in the style of Paul Klee.

Music: We will be exploring five of the movements from *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns and composing our own musical aquarium. We will also be learning a selection of songs linked to *Little Red Riding Hood*. Our composer of the term is *Hildegard*.

English: This term we will be exploring classic fairytales, with a focus on different versions of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Our main text is *Little Red Reading Hood* by Lucy Rowland and Ben Mantle. We will be writing letters, book reviews, recounts and instructions. Later, we will be reading and writing poetry from *Blow and Kiss*, *Catch a Kiss* by Joseph Coelho and Nicola Killen. Our spelling, punctuation and grammar will be linked to our text with a focus on use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and joining words (conjunctions).

Science: As scientists, we will be investigating seasonal changes. We will be looking at the different seasons and exploring the differences between them. The main difference that we will be exploring will be the different types of trees. We will be doing lots of practical activities and lots of hunts around the school, comparing trees and the leaves.

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 return' 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.