



Oakwood Primary Academy
Learning Journey




Our termly work and how you can support your child.



Spring Terms 3 and 4 2019	Year Group 5 and 6	Themes The Americas
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Dear Parents

Please find attached the programme of learning your child will be following this term. There are many ways in which you can help your child at school but the most effective way is to show an interest and to encourage your son or daughter to talk to you about what he or she is learning in school. **Year 6 SATs take place: Mon 13th – Fri 17th May 2019.**

English 	During Term 3, Year 5 and 6 will be exploring non-fiction writing through non-chronological reports and explanation texts. In Term 4, Year 5 and 6 will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction, based on the Americas, to inspire a variety of texts including explanation texts, myths and legends, contemporary poetry, information texts and non-chronological reports. Reading will be a strong focus with the expectation that children read every night. Please ensure you sign their reading diary daily. Reading comprehension sessions will also be taking place on a daily basis where the children will focus on grammar skills, comprehension and inference. The children will continue to follow the REN Reading Scheme. They will be tested on their understanding of each book they read and will gain rewards related to their success.
How you can help	Please encourage your child read every evening for a minimum of 15 minutes and record your comments/sign their reading diary. We do expect the children to be reading every night. Support your child with any reading or written homework. Encourage your child to read a range of texts as well as school reading books, e.g. papers and magazines and perhaps a weekly comic.
Mathematics 	Our priority this term is to consolidate and deepen problem-solving skills and draw on prior learning in order to answer a range of questions across all mathematical areas. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in 'Outdoor Maths' activities to consolidate their learning outside of the classroom. An emphasis will also be placed on developing a secure recall of number facts and times tables. Following on from this, the children will also work on understanding shape, space and measures. Children will take weekly arithmetic tests.

	We will continue to use the Times Table Rockstars to reinforce the importance of times tables. Your child will have access to the website from home using their personal login and can continue to earn rewards.
How you can help 	Please look to use any mathematical opportunities in the everyday world, such as getting your child to use money; buying small items in shops and counting the change; looking at the prices of groceries when you do the shopping; helping with cooking and weighing out ingredients; reading timetables e.g. television schedules and telling the time at home. Encourage your child to work towards the next level on Times Table Rockstars and earn points towards their status. Play quick maths games with children at home (usually only dice is required).
Science 	In science this term the children will be studying “Evolution and Adaptation”. They will research a range of animals, watch video clips, read non-fiction books and conduct experiments and investigations. The children are also working their way through the Crest Award; planning, investigating and reviewing a range hands on Science based investigations. We will be using our outdoor learning environment and Learning Den whenever possible.
How you can help	Talk about the topic they are learning in school. Look at some websites with your children e.g. www.sciencenet.org.uk or www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/schools . From time to time we will ask children to collect information from home or fill in data sheets. Please support your child with this wherever possible.
Topic Work Including History/ Geography	For the next two terms our topic will be “The Americas”. This topic will be linked to our work in English and other subjects and will allow for exploration of Geography curriculum objectives. We will focus on the similarities and differences between North and South American culture; explore the Geographical elements of the two; and link other subject areas such as music and art to this exciting new topic.
Art, Music and Design Technology	Our art, music and DT units are closely linked to our topic. The children will be using a range of materials to build, create and design their own pieces based around the Americas. They will learn a range of cultural songs from different time periods and explore the way instruments are used to tell a story through music.
PE 	The children will continue to participate in Plymouth Argyle sessions led by qualified instructors. The children will also take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges working individually and in teams.

	There will be other opportunities for individual classes and year groups throughout the term. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school from Monday to Friday. The children will be going outside and will need suitable outside kit including trainers or plimsolls. Please remember: children cannot take part in PE lessons unless earrings are removed.
Social, Moral, spiritual and cultural.	There will be opportunities for circle time and for talking about our goals and celebrating achievement. We want to develop the children as learners and help them to become more resourceful. They will be engaging in a range of activities to encourage this. We will also be participating in class based workshops relating to Mindfulness and dealing with our emotions.
RE 	This term the children will study a variety of sacred places around the globe and have the opportunity to discuss and understand their significance to people from a variety of religious beliefs. We will use ICT to support the exploration and be able to gain an impressive perspective using Google Field Trip and Expedition software.
Computing 	As well as using ICT across the curriculum to support their learning, the children will also be developing their coding skills using a range of software and hardware including iPads, Chromebooks and Windows devices. We will be extending our understanding of coding by progressing to the full version of the “Scratch” programme – the tool is online and can be accessed free at home. We will be creating quiz programmes related to our topic. https://scratch.mit.edu/
French	We will continue to follow the iLanguage programme of study this term. We will look at food and hobbies and give the children the chance to sing a range of French songs.
Class Rewards	The treasure chest reward scheme will continue throughout the school where children can earn coins for positive behaviour choices and spend these coins on a variety of treats at the end of the term.

Reminders:

Children need their reading book, reading diary and book bag in school each day.

Reading is the most important part of homework.

Reading helps children in all other areas of the curriculum.

We want children to have a love of books and read for pleasure.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Miss Gooding, Mrs Collier, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Wieprecht

