



Oakwood Primary Academy
Learning Journey for SPRING term
and how you can support your child in Foundation Kerr and
Donaldson Classes

THEMES: Winter/Where I Live/Traditional Stories

In our Prime Areas of Learning we will be:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to adhere to the school's Ready, Respectful and Safe Rules and behavioural expectations in our setting.• Talking about British animals and birds and how we can help them in Winter.• Thinking about British values, and talking about our own and different people's cultures and beliefs.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening to and repeating traditional stories: understanding characters, plots and settings.• Answering 'how' and 'why' questions in relation to our experiences, stories and events.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in daily 'Mile a Day', Wake and Shake and fine motor activities.• Practising our ball skills in PE: throwing, catching, football skills.• Continue to handle familiar & new tools safely & with basic control (e.g. using gardening equipment outdoors and developing our scissor skills in the Fix-It Bay).

In our Specific Areas of Learning we will be:

Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in daily Read, Write, Inc sessions. Blending and segmenting our sounds to help us read and write simple words, captions & sentences.• Continue to practise writing our letters using correct formation.• Learning different ways of finding information (e.g. from books and computers).
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to recognise numbers 1-20 and beyond. Practise correct number formation.• Developing strategies for solving simple addition & subtraction problems (e.g. fingers, number lines, counting on, counting

	<p>back). We will begin to write number sentences using the correct notation (- + and =).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Comparative Measurement: time, height, weight, length and capacity.
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding out about past events in own lives & the lives of others (e.g. Sir Frances Drake). • Developing STEM skills by finding out about British animals and birds. Participating in the Big Schools Birdwatch. • Learning about the area where we live: Southway, Plymouth and Devon. • Learning about other UK cities (e.g. London). Identifying key landmarks and features of Plymouth and London. • Learning about seasonal change (e.g. through weekly Welly Walk). • Developing STEM skills by using laptops and i-pads. Operating simple programmes (e.g. Google maps).
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing songs, making music and dancing. • Developing STEM skills by using and exploring a variety of materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture shape and form. • Learning different joining techniques in design and construction.

Things to Remember:

- ✓ Please bring book bags in **daily** for letters, library books, reading diaries and home learning books etc.
- ✓ As part of our school policy, children are encouraged to drink **water** throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has a named, clear water bottle in school. **Juice or squash drinks are NOT permitted in water bottles.** Milk and water will be provided at snack time.
- ✓ Please ensure that all clothing including footwear, coats and PE kits are **clearly named**.
- ✓ As outlined in the 'Discovery Mat School Uniform Policy', children in Foundation are not permitted to wear earrings for health and safety considerations. **Please do not send your child to school wearing earrings. Thank you.**
- ✓ P.E. kit – this will take place every Friday, please ensure your child's kit is in school every day.
- ✓ Library book change – Friday.
- ✓ Reading books will be introduced this term and will be changed on Monday and Friday. Please sign your child's Reading Record book when they have finished reading their book with you.
- ✓ Home learning books (Busy Books) are sent home on a Friday with a challenge activity for you to complete with your child. Please return it by the following Thursday so the next activity can be added. The children receive 'Superstamps' for completed activities.
- ✓ Your children collect 'Superstamps' for good behaviour and hard work. Once the children have collected 10 Superstamps, they receive a small reward from their class Treasure Box. Additional rewards are given out in form of 'Tidy Tickets' and 'Star of the Week' on Fridays.