

Organisation

Start time: 8.50am
End time: 3.15pm

All children can enter the classroom as they arrive through the main gate. Children will have an early morning activity ready for them as they prepare for the school day. All children will leave school at 3.15pm. Please ensure children arrive on time and the office is informed of any absence by 9am.

PE Days

PE days are Wednesday and Friday and children should come in to school **wearing** their PE kit. They can either wear their Hexton team colour or a plain white t-shirt and a blue or black tracksuit for outdoor games.



Reading

It is important that you try to hear your child read every day for at least 5-10 minutes. You could also read a story to your them so that they are exposed to a range of vocabulary.

Reading books will be changed regularly and it is important that your child has their reading books in school as they read with an adult at least once a week. It is also important that you comment in their orange reading record to let me know how they are reading at home.

Spring Term 2022

We had a very positive start to the school year in September, and I am looking forward to building upon the fantastic progress that the children have made during the upcoming Spring Term. Mrs Daniels will continue to work with us on a daily basis throughout the week.



Mrs Okoturo
Oak class teacher

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday, and should be returned to school by the following Tuesday. Children are encouraged to complete as much as they can in a reasonable amount of time for your child.

Homework will focus on the learning completed in school that week, to consolidate what has been taught in English, Maths and the foundation subjects. Children will be set weekly spellings to support vocabulary building.

Reading continues to be a high priority for all children, but this term there will also be a greater focus on writing accurate sentences with descriptive phrases and using conjunctions.

Nature Explorers

This term, Year 5 and 6 will enjoy nature explorer sessions with Mrs Foot for the first half term. Year 3 and 4 will have a session after half term. During these sessions pupils will use the outdoors to learn about the environment, plants and nature. It also provides an important opportunity to promote wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle.



English

Narrative Unit: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
The children will rehearse sentences orally including developing vocabulary and sentence structure choices. They will write a descriptive paragraph, draw inferences and visualise when reading. They will learn to write a recount and summarise main ideas, providing key details.

Children will all be taught to write a letter of complaint using rhetorical questions.

Maths

Children will be taught to multiply two digit and three digit numbers by a one digit or two digit number using formal written layout.

They will also be taught how to read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks, solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes, minutes to seconds, years to months and weeks to days.

Children will be taught to compare and classify geometric shapes including quadrilaterals and triangles based on their properties.

Science

States of Matter (Year 3/4)

Children will look at the three states of matter: solids, liquids and gases and their different physical properties. They will be taught how matter changes from one state to another.

Life cycles (Year 5/6)

The children will understand what a life cycle is. They will compare how different animals grow and change during their life and how animals reproduce.



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Innovation

In Computing, children will learn how to use spreadsheets, logo and investigate hardware.

In DT, children will investigate and make frame structures to improve their stability, then apply this research to design and create a stable, decorated pavilion.

Humanities

In History, children will learn about the Hill Forts in the Iron Age and how people lived in communities.

In RE, we will focus on special foods and events in the life of Jesus.
In Geography, children will learn about Rainforests and compare local woodland, forests and rainforests.

Wellbeing

In PSHE, we will be looking at Relationships and important people.

In PE, they will be developing skills in health related exercises, hockey and sessions with Stevenage Borough FC. Pupils will also enjoy a weekly yoga session with Mrs Marsh.

The Arts

In Music, children will continue with steel pans with Hertfordshire Music Service.

In French, the children will be learn vocabulary and phrases linked to clothing, numbers, calendars and birthdays.

In Art, children will learn about and create their own Prehistoric paintings.