

# Year 3 Oak and Lemon Newsletter – Autumn 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable October break.

The following is an overview of our learning this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our chronology for further detail.

Our big question this term is '**Does the past help us to understand who we are?**' We will be making links to this throughout our teaching when appropriate, so do feel free to make links to this at home too!

In **English**, we will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will write letters, a newspaper report and write some poetry. We will then be focusing on playscripts and we will read *The Giving Tree*.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. We will visit the school library on **Mondays** when your child will have the opportunity to swap their library book each week. Your child should now also have their own Accelerated Reader book. This is a levelled text which should be instructional for your child. Once your child completes their book, they should return it to school. They will then complete a short comprehension quiz and receive a new book.

Our **Geography** topic focuses on Europe. We will locate Europe on a world map and locate European countries. We will learn some of the capital cities of Europe and make comparisons between two European cities.

Our **Maths** focus this half term will be continuing with **Addition and Subtraction**, focusing on adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers crossing both ten and twenty. We will then move on to **Multiplication and Division** where we will focus on multiplying and dividing by 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8. Please continue to support your child by practising their time-telling skills and times tables.

In **Science**, our topic will be Humans and Animals. We will learn about different types of food with a focus on nutrition. We will learn about how humans and other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

In **Music** we will be completing a unit called Human Body, which will be focused on structure. We will understand call and response structure and perform word rhythms. We will continue to learn to play the Recorder on **Thursday** mornings.



Our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: How does the season of Advent and the feast of Epiphany point toward the true meaning of Christmas? We will also be considering the question – Why is remembrance important?

In **Computing** we will be completing a programming unit using Scratch. We will recognise commands in block coding and create our own sequences of commands.

Please note, **P.E.** is on **Mondays**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. Swimming will be on different days for each class using our onsite pool. **Lemon Class will swim on Thursdays** and **Oak Class will swim on Fridays**. Please ensure your child has a full swimming kit including swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel.

Our **Design and Technology** lessons will focus on designing, planning, making and evaluating a healthy European dish.

Our **PSHE** lessons will focus on celebrating differences, we will look at different types of families.

In **French** we will learn numbers to 12, colours and European countries and flags.

**Homework** will be distributed with new spellings to learn each week. Spellings are tested on **Tuesdays**. Please read the homework carefully to find details of this half-term's project about

There is extra optional Maths and English homework available and will be given out on **Wednesdays** in paper form. Please let us know if you would like to start receiving this.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further with a member of the Team, we will be available each day after dismissing the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Chandler, Mr George, Ms Bell, Miss Bingham and Natalie.

