



STJB Oak Class

Coming Together

Summer 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer is here with the excitement and trepidation that this final term may bring for many of Oak Class. Community is a huge strength of St. Johns and through our topic on the Commonwealth, Key Stage 2 will be considering this on a wider scale as we learn about the Commonwealth and the diversity within. Oak class is focussing on South Africa, looking at the geography and history of this country and how it compares to Great Britain.

In English, during the first half of the term, we will be writing balanced arguments, considering why some countries are contemplating leaving the Commonwealth. We will then create poetry inspired by the beauty of South Africa's landscapes, fauna and flora. In the second half term the children of Oak class will be given greater freedoms on their choice of genres around given subjects, applying all the skills that they have learnt so far.

During this term, the children in Oak class will complete a long term homework project on another country of the Commonwealth as detailed in the document sent out during the first week.

In Maths, Year 6 are revising all areas of maths in preparation for the National Curriculum tests; following these tests the children will be applying their skills and knowledge to investigative tasks. Year 5 will be working on calculations with decimals, geometry and statistics, as well as also doing some investigative tasks.

Homework: Spelling—Children will continue to have new spellings every two weeks., which should be checked by an adult please If this is not completed or is left at home, the children will be expected to complete it at break-time.

Reading— the children are expected to read (with an adult wherever possible) 5 times a week. This can be part of their research work for the Commonwealth topic, but this should still be recorded in the Reading Record.

Maths Planets challenge—The children will be expected to learn their Planet Challenge number bonds or multiplication tables ready for a weekly assessment.

In Science, Earth and Space and then Forces will be studied by Year 5, whilst Year 6 look at Evolution and Inheritance . They will be consolidating how to plan and carry out investigations.

In Computing, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of Microsoft programs, including Word, PowerPoint and Publisher as well as learning coding through Open Futures with Mr. Cumming.

In the second half term, the Open Futures area covered will be philosophy, which will be focused around valuing diversity and the jeopardy of vocabulary.

During PE, the children will extend their country and maypole dancing talents in preparation for the 'Revels' in June and developing their athletics skills. We will also be working with Mr Gwynn from The Angmering School on rounders and stoolball.

The children should have their full PE kit in at all times, but always on Tuesdays and Fridays .

In RE, the children for the first half of term, will be looking at 'Can religion build a fairer world?' and in the latter part of the summer term, they will consider 'What would Jesus do?' when faced with situations in the world as it is today.

French, taught by myself, will continue to be taught on Wednesdays to Year 5, while Year 6 will be revisiting the guitar, building on skills they learnt in Year 4.

In Art, we will look at South African art, considering the techniques, colours and symbolism that they have used, and replicate this in their own printed work. This is just an outline of the work Oak Class will be exploring this term.

I hope the children enjoy the above curriculum, which provides the vehicle for learning skills, knowledge and concepts. If you have any questions or queries about anything that would further help your child, then please either email me using the school office address or make an appointment before or after school so we can talk together. Thank you, Mrs. Tanya Stoner