

# Oak Class Newsletter Spring 1 2022

## English

This term in English, we will be continuing with our class text 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. The children will develop their stamina for writing by writing their own chapter in the style of the author. We will be focusing on core skills such as cohesion; selecting appropriate vocabulary to reflect what the writing requires and using verb tenses consistently and correctly. There will be a continued focus on grammar, spelling rules and handwriting.



## Maths

We will start off this term by looking at geometry (position and direction). This learning will include the four quadrants, translations and reflections. We will then move on to decimals. As part of this learning, we will look at decimals up to 3 decimal places; multiplying and dividing by decimals. We will also look at decimals as fractions and converting fraction to decimals and vice versa. In the second half of this term, we will look at percentages. This learning will involve converting fractions to percentages as well as finding percentages of amounts. We will continue to develop mental calculation strategies and methods of recording. This will help to make them more efficient when solving maths problems.

## Art

Our art learning this term will be based on the Pop Art style of Andy Warhol. The children will explore the theme of individuality through this learning. We will also consider the following questions: What is Pop Art? How and why have complimentary colours been used in this Pop Art work? Which colours will you choose in your artwork?

## Geography

In geography this term we will be focusing on the continent North America. In particular, where it is and the key physical features of the Continent. There will be a focus on The Rockies, the Mississippi River and natural disasters such as hurricanes, flooding, volcanoes and earthquakes.

## Science

At the start of term, we will continue with our topic- electricity. The children will explore circuits and learn to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. We will then move onto our new topic- animals including humans. This will include learning about the circulatory system as well as nutrition.

## Additional Information

Please ensure P.E. kit (including suitable footwear) is brought to school on Mondays and taken home on Fridays as PE days may change. In colder weather, children may be permitted to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts (in school colours – no logos) for outdoor PE. Shorts and T shirts should still be brought in for indoor PE. Thank you for your support regarding earrings.

Homework expectations for year six children were circulated under a separate letter (at the start of the academic year). Please stress the importance of this to your child and remind them to return this daily as well as bringing in their reading book and reading record. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support. Mrs Clark and Mrs Archer