

Year 5 Newsletter

Oak



Year5 - Elm



Term 1 2023-2024

Our topic question this term is How Do You Set a World Record?

Inspired by the real life story of Annie Edson Taylor, we ourselves will be developing our geographical skills to learn more about Annie's feat, as well as try to break some records of our own. Have you got a talent that you can make history with? What is the weirdest world record you can find? Share them with us!

READ TO LEAD

Did you know?:

- Reading can reduce stress by up to 70%!
- Reading every day for 20 minutes means you will have read 2 MILLION words in a year!
- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education, and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.

Remember the weather will be getting colder as the weeks go on. Don't forget to bring suitable clothes and accessories. Please make sure *all* items of clothing are labelled as this makes it much easier to return any lost items!

In English, we will be studying the book *Queen of the Falls* by Chris Van Allsburg. It tells the true story of Annie Edson Taylor's trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel! We are going to be thinking about daredevil feats and using descriptive language to develop imagery in our writing.

In Maths this term, we will be looking mainly at number and place value, so that we start our mathematical learning as best we can! We are trying to extend our learning by thinking more deeply about the problems we encounter. Knowing an answer is great, but it is even better to be able to explain how and why you know! Keep using Times Table Rock Stars!

In PE this term, we will be practising our ball skills as we apply them to the games of handball and bench ball. We will be thinking about creating space using effective movement off the ball and using good communication to be part of a successful team!

Our teachers for teacher PPA cover will be Mrs Olley and Mr Peach this year for Oak and Elm. Mr Peach will be teaching Connected Learning to Oak, and Mrs Olley will be teaching RE and PHSE to Elm.

This term, the Christian value for focus is Koinonia, which means fellowship and belonging to a community.

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' 2 Corinthians 13:14

We like to meet our new parents! Transition to a new class can be a daunting time for both children and adults! Please come to say hello, meet our team and always let us know if we can help!
Mr Latter and Ms Berry

Homework

Although we may occasionally set formal homework to practise some skills learnt in class, we will not be setting regular homework every week. However, we will be setting a project for the term (see attached sheet!) In addition, we expect you to learn the spellings given, as well as to keep practising times tables on TT Rockstars. Finally, it is also very important to read regularly, (at least three times per week), to an adult when you can! (Although you are old enough to read by yourself as well!)