



Class Oak Newsletter Summer 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we're into the final half term of the year?! It's been an absolute pleasure to teach Class Oak this year and I'm really looking forward to this final half term. As always, there's a great deal to pack in and not much time to do it! Our topic this half term is **WATER!** It's going to be a tremendous learning journey which will link our learning across the curriculum. The key question we'll be answering is...



“Why do we never run out of water?”

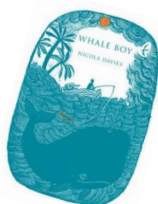
We will explore the water cycle, where water goes when it's flushed down the toilet, think about if water was around when the dinosaurs roamed the earth, explore why we have lakes and think about where firefighters get their water from.

Mathematics

This half term we will be applying our mathematical knowledge that we've acquired this year in different contexts by completing reasoning tasks and solving problems. To make links to our water topic, we will look at capacity and will recap our metric and imperial measures for liquids (e.g. litres, millilitres, centilitres, pints etc.) We will also look at some basic algebra (including number sequences and solving simple equations). The aim is to also spend some time recapping arithmetic methods linked to fractions.

English

Our text for this half term will continue to be 'Whale Boy' by Nicola Davies. We started the text last half term and will seek to complete it by the end of the academic year; there's an obvious link to the water topic.



Science

Lower down in school, the Children have learned that there are two main Kingdoms and that the animal Kingdom can be subdivided into

vertebrates and invertebrates and what this means. There are five Kingdoms of living things which will be explored during this topic. Here they will explore the Kingdoms not yet encountered, such as fungi and microbes. We will spend some time classifying creatures that live in our school pond using a variety of diagrams and classification models.

Summer Performance

Can you solve the mystery at Magpie Manor? Don the fringes and feathers, dust off the spy glass and join the flapper girls and their family, Inspector Spectre and a whole host of famous guests in this roaring 20's thriller! Scripts have already made their way home - please could your child ensure that they've learnt their lines as soon as possible. We will be dipping in and out of preparations through the half term.



Homework

There's lots of ways to go with this topic. The children could design a poster of the water cycle; compare tap water to bottled water and write a description; explore how water is filtered after entering our sewer systems - the world is your oyster!!

Dates for your diary:

5/6/18	Parents Meeting - London - 6pm - All current Year 4 and 5 parents
7/6/18	Theatre Production in school
11/6/18	County Chess Competition - some children from Class Oak
15/6/18	Class trip to Kagyu Samye Ling Buddhist Temple and Tibetan Centre
27/6/18	Year 5 Science Day at Caldew School - Lunch provided - Mr. Webb taking the children
2/7/18	Year 6 children at Caldew School - Transition Day
4/7/18	Class trip to Clip & Climb - Climbing and caving - letter to follow
10/7/18	Summer Performance - 6pm
11/7/18	Year 6 NISCU Transition morning - Children from Raughton Head joining our Year 6s
12/7/18	Summer Performance - 6pm
17/7/18	Year 6 Treat Day
20/7/18	Celebration Assembly 1pm - School finishes at 2pm

Please contact me if you have any questions.
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