



High Beech Church of England Primary School

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Spring Term 2018 in Oak Class

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for what this term has to bring.

Below we have outlined what will be studied this term. We have also included some other information you might find useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

In English we will be focusing on adverts and poetry writing and we will study the text *The Iron Man* in the lead up to the Easter holidays. The children will have the opportunity to write letters and take on different character roles. It is advised that children read at home every night and a comment is written in their Reading Record. We expect to see at least 5 comments in their record which is completed by the child. Reading records will be checked on a Friday. Spelling will continue as normal and will link with handwriting practice. We are hoping for more children to achieve their pen license this term.

In Maths we will continue to follow the Inspire scheme of work and this term the year 3s will be looking at written methods for multiplication and division, including word problems and mental calculations. The year 4s will focus on fractions, angles and perpendicular and parallel lines. Investigations will be on-going with a focus on these things.

Times tables (and related division facts) are a key skill and therefore children should practise these every day at home. In Oak class we are continuing with our times tables scheme, where lots of children are doing really well.

In Science children will be studying two topics this term: 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Rocks.'

In Computing the children will use 'Scratch' as they learn to fix and correct bugs. They will also look at designing a toy. They will be creating Powerpoints and using Microsoft Word to present work.

Our Geography topic will be about contrasting the UK with Spain and we will look at the Stone Age in the latter part of the term for **History**.

Art and Design Technology will focus on an artist study of William Morris where the children will draw, paint and sew. We are planning a trip to the William Morris museum at the end of term. More details to follow.

In R.E children will explore Sikhism; The first and last Gurus, the five Ks and stories related to the religion.

In French we will be talking about ourselves and our family, including brothers and sisters, pets and where we live.

PE

Oak class will have their swimming sessions this term. Please ensure your child is at the pool with the correct kit on Thursday mornings. Swim hats are a must. P.E will also continue on a Monday afternoon so please ensure that the correct PE kit (t-shirt, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls) is in school. All items should be named. Children will also need to have a black track suit or sweatshirt and joggers in school for the cold weather. Kits should remain in school at all times and be taken home at weekends only if they are dirty. Children will also need their trainers in school every day to complete their morning mile.

Other information

Homework

English homework will be set on Mondays to be returned the following Monday. Topic, science or maths homework will usually be set on Thursdays to be returned the following Thursday.

Water bottles

We actively encourage children to bring in water bottles so that they can easily access water throughout the day. Please ensure the bottle has your child's name on it.

Start of the day

Morning registration is at 8:55am and therefore all children must be in class by this time. However, learning opportunities start at 8:45am.

We hope this information is of some help to you. We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening.

Miss Gregory and Mrs Thomas
(Oak class teachers)





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