

Oak Group

Dear Parents, Happy New Year! Our topic this term is **Countries of the World**.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Literacy We will be comparing different versions of the Three Little Pigs. We will practice writing persuasive sentences focusing on punctuation and the use of capital letters to grab attention.	Encourage children to retell the story of the Three Little Pigs. Ask them how the characters felt e.g. how did the first little pig feel when its house blow down? How did the wolf feel when he got burnt?
Maths In maths we will focus on number sequences, addition and subtraction facts and multiplications facts using 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also look into fractions.	Continue to help children count in 2's, 5's and 10s. There are lots of songs on YouTube that can help. When sharing a pizza or a cake, talk about how many pieces there are and how much they will eat in terms of fractions e.g. $1/2$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $1/3$, $\frac{3}{4}$ etc.
Science - Habitats and Adaptation We are going to study the ways in which animals have adapted to the environment they live in. We will identify how most living things live in habitats which provide for their basic needs and how animals and plants depend on each other. We will look at both native and exotic habitats and animals that live there, to see how conditions such as temperature and environment can affect the inhabitants.	Children could be encouraged to research different animals using internet search engines and to discover the conditions they need to survive. To visit an animal park would be very useful as the children could discover more about a variety of animals and their countries of origin. Children could investigate their own gardens or parks as a native habitat and discover which animals are able to survive there.
Geography We will be learning about continents and oceans and where we belong on Earth. We will look at a range of countries around the world, locate them on an atlas and compare geographical features.	Encourage children to use google maps to locate where they live. Help them locate Milton Keynes on a map of the UK. Where is England on the atlas? Encourage them to point out the seven continents and the five oceans.
Art We will explore art from the country we will focus on each week. For example when looking at India we will practice block printing!	Sit and draw together things that interest them e.g. toys, games and characters from television programmes.
ICT We are going to practice programming the Beebot.	If you have an iPad or an iPhone you can download the Beebot App free. This will help children learn whilst having lots of fun!
PSHE Children will be taught to talk and write about their opinions. They will be encouraged to recognise their worth as individuals by identifying positive things about themselves. Children will be learning to recognise what they are good at. They will then be looking at how to make positive choices to be a good friend.	Encourage children to identify what they have been fantastic at that day.
PE During PE sessions we are going to be developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. We will be using different football skill development activities. The children will be learning to cooperate and respect others to make the sport fair for everyone.	Provide a football for the children to practice moving with. Set up a series of obstacles for the children to dribble the ball around. Cones are ideal but tin cans will work just as well! On the internet the 'For kids - FA Skills' site has useful ideas for skills practice. For some short video clips of football skills look at performance.fourfourtwo.com/technique .