

Oak Group Update

Dear Parent,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this half term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

Our topics this half term are sun, moon and earth and hills, mountains and rivers.

What we will do in school...

Topic

The focus in science will be the sun, moon and earth. We will be learning about the solar system, what the planets are made of and the different phases of the moon. In humanities we will be learning about hills, mountains and rivers. We will identify these features on maps and name them.

Literacy

This half term we will be learning about non-fiction writing. Writing reports or recounting a story. In reading we will practice using an atlas, how to use the index to find the correct page.

Art

This half term we will be basing our art and craft lessons around our topic sun, moon and earth. The children will be making pictures for display.

PSHE

This term we will be working on developing relationships at school and home, learning how to get on with others and how to deal with a fall out.

Maths

This term we will be developing our number skills in practical situations, starting with identifying the values of coins and notes and then learning how to pay for things when out and about.

What you could do together at home...

Point out the moon, stars and sun to your child. Ask them to name some of the planets. When driving point out features such as hills and mountains, talk about the places you have visited.

Get out a map or atlas at home, look for places you have visited on trips or holidays. Point out and talk about the symbols used to represent the features.

Explore different materials around the home for example water, sand, shaving foam. Colouring in or painting pictures.

Get the children to identify how they are feeling, label their emotions for them. Identify what they could do to make themselves feel better?

Show children different value coins, let them touch them, ask questions about the shape, point out the value written on the coins. Give them an opportunity to pay for things when you are out.

Swimming - every Thursday for the *second* half term



Oak Group will be going swimming at Wolverton Pool on Thursday mornings. We are rotating this year with another class who will be swimming for the first half term. When we do start swimming please could you send your child into school every Thursday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



PE - every Monday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. This half term the children will be learning simple Playground games during their PE lessons.



Home-School Book

We will keep in touch with you via the home- school book. Every Friday we will write an overview of your child's week. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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