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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to outline the learning for Oak class during the summer term. Plans have been adjusted in light of lockdown and the immediate needs of students in my class. I have assessed them in the core subjects of English and Maths and will be prioritising what I consider to be the most important aspects of learning that needs to be secured for the forthcoming academic year.

English

I have been pleased with the progress that the majority of students have made in reading; the sharing of the whole class novel daily was really significant and allowed for some great discussions to develop comprehension skills. During the first half of term we will be reading *The Girl Of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo in the second half of term. In writing, I will be focussing on grammatical terms and encouraging students to use this language in talking about their work. Emphasis will be placed on selecting sentence structures and vocabulary according to the genre of writing and the impact this should have on the audience reading it. Your child will need to continue to read a book of their choice at home **daily**. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this as it has such a HUGE impact on not only their ability to read but also their language skills, spelling, knowledge of sentence structures and their imagination. A significant amount of time needs to be set aside for this to allow them to 'get into' the book they are reading and to 'clock up reading miles'. Not all students will be able to read at the same pace and some would benefit from sharing some of the reading with an adult. Children love a good story being read to them and the opportunity to just take in the words.

Maths

During the lockdown period, I specifically focussed on the four main operations and formal methods of calculating. Recent assessments have shown that arithmetic for the majority of students is secure which will allow them to focus more on the reasoning and problem solving elements of the curriculum. Priority will be given to fractions, decimals and percentages which will incorporate addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be focussing on geometry - shapes, angles, rotation and coordinates.

PE

We have used our PE funding to secure coaches for gym, dance and games again this term. We have PE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday every week. It is really important that your child has the correct kit. I am encouraging them to be independent in organising this. I really do not like having to loan old PE clothing that I have retrieved from the lost property, particularly during these 'covid' times. It is more important than ever for



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your child to take a full part in physical activity as lockdown has undoubtedly had an impact on physical fitness. Year 6 sports leaders will be organising in-school sports competitions for netball and cricket. We aim to hold a more traditional sports day although the fine details of this will need to be considered with the restrictions we still have in place. Both Year 5 and 6 have been undertaking playleader duties at lunchtimes on a rota basis with great success. It has really helped the younger children in their play and allowed Oak Class to 'give' to the school community as we would expect them to do.

As PE leader in the school, I am collecting information about students' swimming abilities. I would be grateful if you could complete [this Google Form](#) please.

Topic

This term our topic work focusses on reproduction in plants and animals. The students will also be learning about the scientific aspects of reproduction in humans. We will touch upon some of the elements of Relationships and Sex Education in PSHE sessions where we will focus on puberty and body changes (Y5 and Y6) and sex education which includes conception (Y6 only). It is school policy to respect the wishes of parents who wish to withdraw their child from this content. [Please complete the permission form](#) (click link) stating whether you give permission.

We are expecting a workshop with 'Spirit of the Wild' on May 12th where we will welcome visitors (with animals!) into our school. We will be observing the caterpillars in our class which will morph into butterflies by half term as well as the stick insects which are permanent residents! In the second half of term we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, their way of life and their impact on Great Britain. I aim to hold an 'Anglo-Saxon' Day and will notify you of the details nearer to the time.

Homework

Please remind your child to complete their daily homework tasks. I know that they can access this independently at home but they do need to be checked upon during the week to ensure that it is completed and handed in on time. Again, this is good training for ALL of them in preparation for secondary school as well as consolidating what they have been taught in school. Not many people learn something by doing it once!

I am looking forward to all we have planned for this term and will be encouraging your child to achieve the best they possibly can.

Kind regards
Mrs Dabill