

Oakdale Junior School



Spring Term 2022

This is the Year 4 Spring Term (1st half) curriculum leaflet.

Inside you will find helpful information about this half term's curriculum in Year 4.

Head of Year: Miss Bertenshaw

Class Teachers:

- Miss Atkin
- Mrs Lewis
- Mrs Rosa
- Miss Steel



Support Staff:

- Miss Wiseman
- Mrs Johnstone (ELSA/HLTA)
- Mrs Athar
- Miss Clarke
- Miss Marshallsay
- Miss Gamlin
- Mrs Geary

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week and record their reading in their Home School Diary. Please sign the diary to show that you have heard your child read and asked them questions about their understanding of the text.

Homework:

Every week, your child will have spellings to learn which will be set on a Friday and due the following Friday.

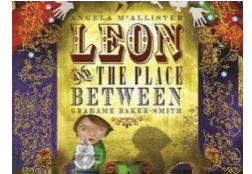
Your child has been provided with a spelling book which will contain the words they need to learn and enable them to practise their spellings.

Mathematics homework will be set on Tuesday and due in on the following Tuesday.

Curriculum Overview

English

Children will be using 'Leon and the Place Between' to inspire their imaginative and descriptive writing. They will read 'The House at the Edge of Magic' as a springboard to their learning.



The children will also write explanations of how chocolate is made, and will enjoy creating their own free verse poetry.

Mathematics

It is important that children know their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 as this will support their general mathematical understanding.

This term children will:

- Develop their numeracy skills, including their mental and written methods for solving calculations using multiplication and division;
- Understand fractions and their equivalents;
- Investigate mathematical and real-life problems and developing their ability to explain their reasoning;
- Understand area as the amount of space taken up by a 2D shape or surface.

RE

Children will gain a better understanding of Judaism and how religion influences peoples' lives.



PSHCE



Through Jigsaw, children will look at 'Dreams and Goals'. This will involve the children understanding how to work towards achieving a goal and how to deal with disappointment.

French



The children will continue to improve their vocabulary and conversational skills. They will focus on time, months, days, birthdays etc.

Physical Education

Each class will improve their skills in the following activities:

4SL – tag rugby, apparatus gym
4DA – tag rugby, floor gym
4RS – tag rugby, cricket



Please ensure that your child has the correct, named kit in school at all times. Thank you.



Potions!



A poison, a mixture, an aromatic brew, a vapour, a liquid, a sticky goo!

This half term, Year 4 will learn about the science of solids, liquids and gases. During their learning they will be getting messy testing the viscosity of liquids, investigating the properties of bubbles and watching some explosive chemical reactions!



DT

The children will learn about the medicinal properties of plants and they will create their own medicines. Packaging will then be designed to store their new remedies!



Carey Camp

There will be a virtual information meeting about the Year 4 residential on **Tuesday 11th January at 5pm.** See letter for further details.



Hook

We will be creating our own potions!



Home Learning Project

Please encourage your child to explore and produce something related to potions and bring in what they have created to display in the classroom. A few ideas:

- Create a science investigation related to solid, liquids and gases and record information related to the project
- Make a bottle of a mysterious potion with a recipe and explanation of what it does

- Research the history of medicines

Or anything else that they are inspired to do! Written information will greatly enhance their project.

Aim for high quality work.

Please send any home learning projects into school by **Friday 11th February.**