



Spring Term 2026

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to relax with my family in Torquay and have fun with my children for a few weeks.

I am now looking forward to another exciting term with Year 6 children in Oak Class.

Curriculum News

Please see the attached curriculum overview for Oak Class Spring Term.

Additional information:

After half term, our humanities focus will be geography (rather than history) and we will be learning more about settlement types and the human impact of urbanisation in our topic 'Settlements'. In design technology after half term, the children will be designing and making material bags in textiles.

Mrs Cox will be teaching Oak Class on Tuesday/Thursday afternoons. She will be delivering all RE and PSHE lessons for the duration of the Spring Term.

Home Learning

Reading: It is important for your child to continue to read at home regularly and they must have a book in school every day. Throughout the term, on Fridays in our reading for pleasure session, I will continue to run 1:1 'Text Talk' meetings with the children. These meetings aim to provide them with an opportunity to discuss what they are reading. I will also make recommendations in the meeting about what they might choose to read next.

Times Tables: Please continue to support your child in preparing for the KS2 SATs by ensuring that their multiplication facts are revisited regularly. We continue to encourage them to use TTRS regularly for ongoing tables practice, but they might also be quizzed in the car or when they are waiting to do something. These impromptu sessions are often the most valuable in securing this knowledge.

Spelling: Children will complete games on *Spelling Shed* at school during the week and, again, it would be extremely beneficial for them to practise regularly at home. The lists children will have access to will change weekly and they are linked to our spelling lessons in school. Hive games will usually take place on Fridays in school.

Homework: This will continue to be set on Fridays and will be due in on the following Wednesday. The focus will alternate between maths and English. There has been a significant decline in the number of children completing/ handing in their homework each week. **Please urge your children to complete this: it is excellent preparation for the demands and routine of high school life; it is always chosen to consolidate what the children have been learning in class and we go through it in class on a Friday (which is not possible if only some of the children have completed it).**

Other Reminders

- P.E. days in Oak Class this term are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please send your child to school in their full P.E. kit, including a plain black jumper/hoodie if it is cooler. They will not need to bring any other uniform with them. Our sessions will focus on **hockey, fitness, dodgeball** and **dance** this term.
- Named water bottles must be in school each day. Water only please.
- Please remember that lunches must be ordered in advance on <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com>
- Class Dojo will continue to be used as a behaviour system across the school; the rewards and sanctions are linked to our school values. Please look out for any messages and letters, including Class Story, to find out what we have been up to. Feel free to message the school office with any necessary information or queries.

Year 6 revision sessions on Thursday afternoons and learning champion groups have been incredibly successful so far and will continue throughout the Spring Term (starting on Tuesday 6th January). The Thursday afternoon sessions are still open to **all** Year 6 children and **attendance is very much advised** in preparation for the KS2 SATs in May. All morning sessions begin at **8:20a.m.** and the Thursday afternoon sessions run from **3:20-4:30p.m.**

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(Oak Class Teacher)

