



Oak Class -Spring Term 2018



Subject Overview

Our new Key Stage 2 topic, 'Early Civilizations' begins this week. Oak Class will be focusing on Early Islamic Civilization, in particular the city of Baghdad from CE 900. We will be looking at religion, culture, architecture and art as well as global trade networks and the history of intellectual and philosophical thought. Our writing will be based on the language structures of the '1001 Arabian Nights' stories. In Science the focus will be on 'Electricity' in the first half term and then 'Light' after half term. I have attached a copy of the topic overview to give further information; a copy is also available on our website.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be taught in school three times a week, focusing on a different spelling rule each week. Children will need to keep practising the words from the statutory word list and endeavour to use these within their day to day writing. I will be setting challenges for children to incorporate a selection of these words each week.

Interventions

We have a range of interventions planned this term. Some of the Year 6 children are being invited to attend Maths booster sessions with Mr Massey, whilst others have been targeted for online 1:1 tutoring on Wednesday afternoons. I will also be working with a targeted Year 6 writing group on Wednesdays to focus on techniques needed to achieve 'greater depth'.

Reading

Some children are making good progress with our class reading challenge, with several working on their silver award. There are still some children who have not handed in any evidence to show which books they have read. They are all aware of the kinds of evidence needed but need to increase their reading stamina (important for SATs) by reading for more sustained periods.

Homework

This term I will continue to send home spelling homework and in addition to this, Year 6 will have extra tasks to support their learning, this may be linked to the English or maths curriculum. I encourage Year 6's to start using their CGP revision books if they haven't started already!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Cox

