

# Oak Class Newsletter

## What we are learning this term:

This term our main topic will be Geography based learning all about Mountains and Rivers. In Science we will explore and investigate different habitats. In English we will be learning the features of persuasion and how to use adjectives and powerful verbs for describing characters and settings. Our maths will focus on simplifying fractions, equivalent fractions, calculating fractions of a quantity and adding and subtracting fractions.

## Music

This term Oak Class will have the opportunity to learn all about Samba. A professional from the Dorset Music Service will come in to teach the children about the many different percussion instruments which make up a Samba band.



## New Barn Farm



New Barn trip has been postponed - it may take place in June but this is not definite and will depend on the COVID 19 situation. We will let you know more details as soon as we are aware.

## Class Reading

We will be reading *When the Whales came by* by Michael Morpurgo and teaching the children to be able to explain the author's choice of language to create a particular effect.

We encourage the children to read with a ruler and use a highlighter to pick out vocabulary and key phrases.

## Homework

Spellings are tested every Thursday. There are copies of the weekly spellings on the website. Please ask if you would like a printed copy. Maths and English will be set on IXL. All homework will relate to class work, so children should be able to complete it independently.

## Times tables

In year 4 now the children are expected to know all of their times tables from 2's to 12's. Practise using times tables Rockstars or [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk). We are learning them using the "rolling numbers" songs. The national test is due to take place in May for all year 4 pupils.

## Home Reading

We are continuing the High 5 Reading Challenge. **Please let me know if you need more books to read at home.** Please sign the Reading Records and note any new vocabulary you have discussed with your child.

Children will be asked to stay in for 5 minutes to read at break time if they do not have regular signatures - this is not meant as a punishment but to encourage and develop good reading habits. Please also continue to use Reading Eggs.

## GAMES LESSONS

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS (those in school)

This term we will be doing gymnastics on Tuesdays and Mr Kelly will be teaching the children on Thursdays. Please bring a spare pair of socks and trainers or plimsolls in your child gets wet feet. Please ensure children have the correct kit with a plain blue or black tracksuit. Remember to layer up as the children will go outside for games as much as possible.

