

Oak Class Autumn Term 2026



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a restful summer. Our topic over the whole of the Autumn Term will be **A Child's War**. We will be looking at many aspects of World War 2 from the viewpoint of a child, including: evacuation; rationing; the Blitz; the role of women in the war; Remembrance; the holocaust and code breaking. The topic focuses on History objectives, although other areas of the curriculum are covered too. After the half-term we plan to visit a War Museum to enrich our learning. For our Science work we will be looking living things and their habitats – focusing on: classifications of plants and animals; reproduction in plants and animals and life cycles.

Attached to this letter is the knowledge and skills we expect the children to learn from the topic and what the take home task will be for the topic. The submission deadline for this will be given in Mrs Sexton's Autumn 2 newsletter.

We will begin **swimming sessions from 8th September (next week)** and the children should bring their appropriate kit (one-piece swimming costume, trunks or swim shorts – not board shorts and these need to be shorter than knee length, towel and goggles) for swimming on a Tuesday. A donation of £1.00 per child is asked for to contribute towards the transport costs and this can be paid through Arbor.

Other PE sessions will be, wherever possible, outside and will continue to be on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child **comes to school wearing the correct school PE kit** for this session (PE t-shirt – white/blue, shorts or tracksuit and trainers). For all PE sessions earrings should be removed.

Other important expectations for Oak class:

Reading – 20-30mins (minimum of 4 times a week), practise their spellings.

Spelling tests – Friday – the children need to bring in their spelling book (red) each week.

Homework – if it is given, it will come home on **Monday** to be returned by **Friday**.

Times table practice - we are working hard to make the children fluent in their times table. It would help the children to spend time over the week practicing them. They have access to TTRockstars to help with this.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated, and should you have any questions about anything we are covering please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks

Clare Christie

