



Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview

Welcome back to Oak Hill Academy and Welcome to Year 4! We are all extremely excited to start a fun-filled and productive year of learning as we take your children on their Year 4 journey.

Our main topic this half term is '**Destination Europe**' underpinned by our Aspirations focus: *Belonging*.

This will include English, Geography, Science, History, Speaking and Listening, Music, Art, DT and Computing. In addition to these, during Specialism Days, the children will be taking part in: Spanish, Music, Wellbeing and PE. Our Science focus will be 'States of Matter'.

English

This half term, we will be reading a range of European picture books, which we will use as a stimulus to write an information text (writing to inform) and a narrative (writing to entertain).

During this writing, we will learn about extending sentences using more than one clause; using fronted adverbials more confidently; direct speech, and using nouns and pronouns for cohesion.

Alongside the Year 4 coverage, we will also be covering the content they missed in Year 3 due to the lockdown.

Maths

Throughout this half term we will cover:

Reasoning with 4-digit numbers

Solve number and practical problems with increasingly large numbers; identify, represent and estimate using different representations.

Addition and subtraction

Calculate and estimate numbers with up to 4 digits using formal written methods; solve two-step problems, deciding on appropriate methods.

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'Destination Europe'

This half term, we will be learning all about Europe (focusing on Italy). Within this topic, the children will be using their enquiry skills to research different human and physical features of European countries. They will also develop their map reading skills and have the opportunity to learn about different cultures and the historical monuments and significant events in various Italian cities. The topic will build towards creating an exciting travel brochure in Computing, allowing the children to develop their persuasive writing skills writing. We will also be making and eating pizza in DT!

Science: Our Science for this half term, which will link closely with and enhance our Geography topic, is states of Matter. Children will explore the properties of different materials, how to convert materials between solids, liquids and gasses and also develop their investigation skills.

PSHCE: In PSHCE this term, we will be building an inclusive environment where all children are recognised for their unique strengths and values. Through our lessons, the children will be encouraged to develop meaningful social skills and build positive relationships.

We have also worked hard on building a Recovery Curriculum to help the children with their transition back to school. Focusing on emotional wellbeing and wellness, the children will learn all about recognising and understanding theirs and others feelings and emotions and they will be learning strategies to verbalise and regulate them. We will also spend time on building resilience, confidence, positive relationships and teamwork skills.

Reminders

Our Specialism Day is on Tuesday this year. Children are to wear their Oak Hill PE kit to school on PE days (including Specialism Day). Please ensure all uniform is named to ensure it makes its way back to your child!

Homework

Homework will be assigned on Google Classroom on a Friday and due back on Wednesday. Answers will be posted on Wednesday so the children can self-evaluate. If children do not complete the compulsory homework they will be sent to homework club to help get it finished.

Each half term, the children will be set an optional Enrichment Project which is related to our main topic. This half term the project will be based on a European country of their choice. This will be emailed to you.

Compulsory Weekly homework will include:

Reading: Your child should be reading 15 minutes **every** evening using their Accelerated Reader book from the school library.

Our Google Homework will comprise of small SPAG, Maths and Reading tasks. As we have the statutory times tables test this year, we will also be having a big drive on times tables. The children should therefore be logging onto the 'Time Tables Rocks!' website/app at home and completing the games and activities to support their learning and prepare them for the statutory test this year.

Contact us

We will be available for a quick chat every afternoon but please speak to the Office if you would like to book an appointment for a longer meeting.

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