



Oak Class Celebration Newsletter

Term 4 2023



A little recap of some of the things that have been happening in Oak class this term. As always if you want to see a larger range of photos check out our Class Dojo page. If you have misplaced your log-in details just get in touch and I will send a new set to you. Your children can also access Dojo with their own log-ins, again get in touch if you would like a copy of their details.

Science Week

This year the Science Week theme was connections. The children looked at a range of connected systems, including food chains, lifecycles, and digestion. We also experienced some fun activities which included investigating the buoyancy of a range of chocolate bars, making a super-sized cola bottle, and the old favourite Mentos in Coke!



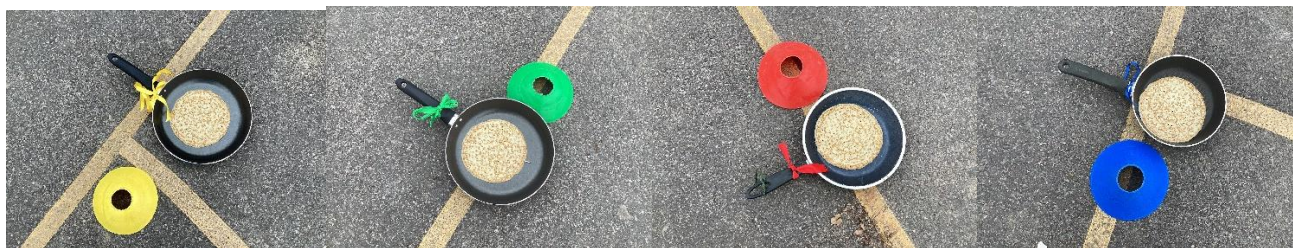
Art

This term we have been looking at a range of printing techniques. The children have created some wonderful pieces. They have used Styrofoam, rollers, carbon paper, and even fingerprints to create a range of printed images.



Pancake Races

As is now traditional at Lower Halstow, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a house versus house pancake race. Well done to Hever House for their win!



Music

The children's ukulele lessons have been going very well and hopefully you have enjoyed listening to all the pieces uploaded onto Class Dojo. As well as the playing, the children have also been practising harmony singing and composing their own pieces.



Book Week

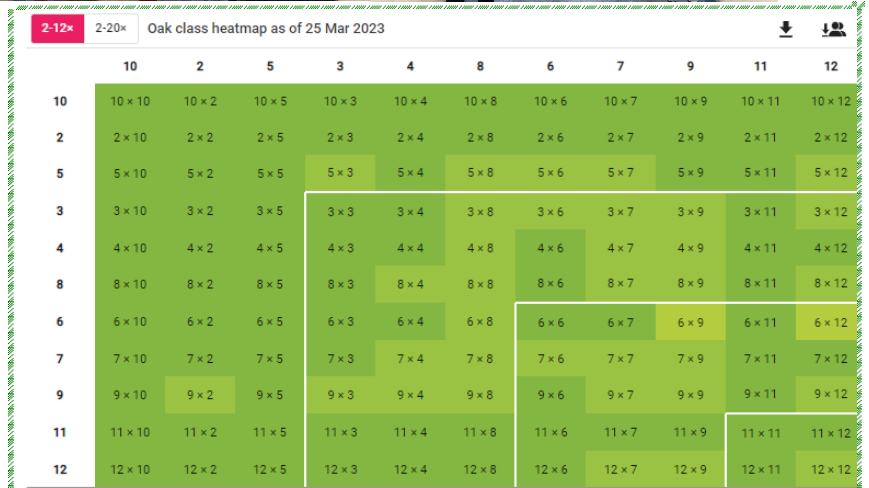
This year, the children took part in a range of book-based activities, including a reading session of the Whizz Bang Pop magazines, ERIC (everyone reads in class), a book swap, dress-up day, and of course the end of week whole school book challenge, which was won by Rochester house.



Times Table Rock Stars

Oak class have been practising very hard and play every morning.

The children can also access Numbots, using the same login details, which is an excellent site for developing fluency. Our class heat map is looking really good and we are now all in the green. Now we move on to turning it all dark green.



Number Bonds Challenge

We have continued our weekly number bonds challenge where the children have to correctly answer 60 number bond questions in three minutes. Each child follows their own challenge, starting with their number bonds to ten. Currently the lead is being held by Barnaby and Zach and their number bonds to 70.



Golden Leaf

Each week we have to choose a child that has particularly shone that week. As you can imagine some weeks it is an impossible choice. This term the children that have received a golden leaf from either myself or Miss Crowe are:

Sam, Harry, Sophia, James, Riley, Mollie, and Honey.



Sneak peek for Term 5

WWII

Our History topic for this term continues to be World War II.

Science

Electricity will be our Science topic this term.

SATs Dates

Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper

Thursday 11th May: Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12th May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

I hope that this newsletter has shown you a little of what has been happening in our class this term but as I said at the beginning if you need any photographic reminders just log in to Dojo. If you ever have any questions or enquires get in touch.

All the teaching staff in Oak class hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter holiday, spent with family and friends. Take care and keep safe.

We look forward to seeing all the children in Term 5.

