

Welcome to Oak Class!



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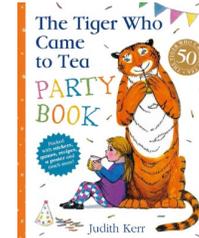
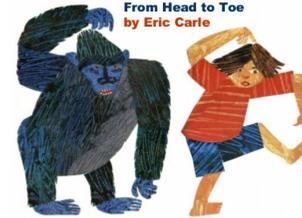
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Theme for the term

This term our topics are Senses and Food

We will explore our favourite motivators, as well as building relationships with peers through shared attention. We will also explore rhythm and rhyme through story books.

Key texts



Hello and a warm welcome back to Oak Class! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are all ready for another wonderful year filled with learning, fun and loads of progress! Feel free to share photos from your Summer break with us as we would love to see what everyone got up too and use these to support communication around relatable events!

We are excited to be revisiting core vocabulary and we invite you to practise these at home with the handouts which will be shared this Term.

FOCUS SESSION: Core Word Communication Sessions

Our **Core Word sessions** are designed to support effective communication for learners by embedding key vocabulary into engaging, multi-sensory group activities. Each session focuses on a carefully chosen **core word**, which is introduced through interactive experiences involving music, movement, visuals, tactile exploration, stories and shared attention. These sessions create a consistent and inclusive environment where learners can explore and begin to understand the meaning and use of core vocabulary in a way that is accessible and meaningful to them.

By promoting the use of the core word during group time, these sessions build a strong foundation for communication that extends beyond the classroom. We as teachers, encourage support staff to model and reinforce the core word throughout the day using symbols, signing and core boards in a variety of contexts—during play, routines, transitions, and interactions—supporting generalisation and deeper understanding. This approach not only strengthens language development but also empowers and equips learners to express themselves more effectively in their daily lives.

Key dates and reminders:

- * Swimming is on a Tuesday and PE is on a Friday. Please send in a swimming kit and a PE kit on a Monday.
- * Please ensure all weather wear is in school for opportunities to learn outside. Please ensure these are named.
- * EYFS Bake Off is on the 3rd of December and Bikeability dates and information will be shared nearer the time.



Reminders



Photo: Sam (TA), Fiona (TA), Ellie (TA), Rose (Teacher),
Teesh (Midday supervisor), Jane

Key vocab this term:

Please see the core word list below so you can support us with this. These will be sent home weekly with Makaton signs and symbols.

- ◆ I want
- ◆ Like
- ◆ Help
- ◆ Who
- ◆ What
- ◆ Where

Things you can do at home to help:

- ◆ Use the Makaton key word signs and support sheets to support communication.
- ◆ Promote self-help skills to develop independence e.g. hand-washing, finding own bottle at mealtimes, using cutlery while eating.
- ◆ Join your child in their play, practising social skills, sharing and communication.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

Please read, sign and return new personal learning goals. EHCP Reviews will happen this term with a few taking place the start of January. Dates for these should have been shared with you already.

For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.

www.doubletrees.org.uk