

Welcome Back to Oak Class!



WHAT'S ON

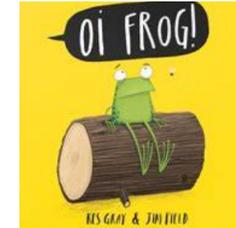
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Theme for the term

This term our topic is Weather and Spring!

We will be engaging in sensory experiences around our topics this term and look forward to our first off-site trip with your support at the end of this term.

Key texts



Hello and a warm welcome back to Oak Class! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break after a very busy Autumn Term!

We have an exciting term coming up, so are hoping for your support with gaining access to outdoor spaces with waterproofs, wellies and helping with transitions to the park for our parent engagement event coming up this term

FOCUS SESSION: Intensive Interaction

Intensive Interaction is an approach used to promote early communication and social skills. This is facilitated throughout each day, consisting of adults getting to know learners and their motivating interests alongside their preferred means of communication. An example of this includes mirroring vocalisations or actions with identical resources. This is a great way to build tolerance to others playing or working in close proximity to enable learners to expand on their solitary play or engagement. Intensive Interaction is led purely by the learner and it is important for adults to acknowledge and respond appropriately, especially when a learner may terminate the interaction.

This approach develops the following 'fundamentals of communication': eye contact, facial expressions, vocalisations and speech, turn taking, and the structure of conversation.

It is important that adults apply the following: mirroring—copying what the learner is doing; expanding—where a learner is responding positively to our interactions, adults can extend actions in a similar manner; pausing to watch and respond—this will allow the adult to recognise how the learner responds and how to encourage these interactions during other opportunities.

Key dates and reminders:

Swimming is on a Thursday. PE is on a Friday. Please send in a swimming kit and a PE kit on a Monday.

Please could a donation of £5 pounds or more be made to Oak class on Parent Pay for our cooking activities we do weekly.

→ DON'T FORGET!

Reminders



Key vocab this term:

- ◆ Need
- ◆ See
- ◆ In/out
- ◆ Up/down
- ◆ On/off
- ◆ Different

Please see the attached the handout.

Things you can do at home to help:

- ◆ Encourage use of key word/core word communication during self-help activities, play and social interactions.
- ◆ Promote self-help skills to develop independence e.g. hand-washing, using utensils while eating, throwing rubbish in the bin.
- ◆ Intensive Interaction is a great way to support social and play skills.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

Please read, sign and return new personal learning goals for the Spring Term. Please check your child's bag regularly for any letters or important documentation sent home.

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