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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Spring Term Oak Class will be exploring the topic *Lights Camera Action* with a particular focus on storytelling. The children have already come up with questions relating to the history of books, stories and film, which will form the base of our historical research and fact finding.

In **English** the children will learn about traditional fables and fairytales, using different drama techniques to bring the story of *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* to life. Composing and rehearsing sentences orally, the children will continue to write descriptively learning to use conjunctions to extend their sentences, while varying sentence starters to make their writing more interesting to the reader.

With a non-fiction and **History** focus the children will research William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, each producing a fact-file. Learning about play-scripts will link well with our Easter production.

Through daily **Guided Reading** activities the children will discuss quality texts with both adults and peers. Please ensure your children bring their school reading book and home school diary into school daily, so we can record when we have read with your child either individually or as part of a group. When you read with your child at home, please also record it in their diary.

We will continue with the personalised **Precision Spelling** format. Every time your child is given new spellings they are given a copy to bring home so please help them to practice on a weekly basis to support their learning.

As **Mathematicians**, children will further their knowledge of multiplication and division, learning to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using formal written methods. They will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. All of the children are now set up on TTrackstars and have their login and password in their home school diaries so they can access it at home. I am able to adjust which times tables the children are practicing, so will be keeping an eye on how they are getting on!

The class will find out about equivalent fractions using diagrams, compare and order fractions and find fractions of amounts. Moving on to statistics, the children will interpret and present data using scaled bar charts, pictograms and tables and solve one-step and 2-step problems.

As **Scientists** the children will investigate *What is Light?* learning that you need light to see and that dark is the absence of light. They will recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change as the light source is moved. The children will present their learning through a **DT** project to design and make a shadow puppet theatre.

Through **Religious Education** Oak Class will explore *the kind of world Jesus wanted*. They will look at the work of the disciples and what a Christian might do today to help change something that is not what Jesus would have wanted. The children will discuss Parables and stories with a hidden meaning including *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* and *The Good Samaritan*.

As **Musicians** the children will work in groups to select appropriate instruments to symbolise and represent characters as they retell well known fairytales. After half term they will be fully immersed in learning and performing the songs as part of their Easter production.

Looking at the work of Lauren Child, the children will become **Artists** as they use collage techniques to create their own scenes. They will also look at the work of Andy Warhol and use ipads to edit photographs producing portraits of famous icons.

In **ICT** we will be using green screen technology and adobe spark video to produce short films.

In **PSHE** we will be talking about *Keeping Safe*, exploring peer-pressure and how to manage this when it is negative. We will discuss keeping safe in the local environment, on-line and how to get help in an emergency.

Moving on to *Rights and Responsibilities* we will look at resolving differences including agreeing and disagreeing, and appreciating difference and diversity amongst people living in the UK.

This term the Oak Class **PE** curriculum takes the form of Forest School and Swimming. **Forest School** will take place on Monday afternoons beginning on the 13th January. Please refer to separate letter for all of the information you need and ensure that your child comes to school wearing the appropriate clothing. They are welcome to bring boots in a separate bag to change into for the afternoon session.

Swimming will be taking place on Wednesday afternoons starting on the 15th January. **Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings removed for safety.** The children will need one bag containing their swimming costume and towel.

Homework

In addition to times tables, reading and spelling, the children will be given a sheet with topic-based homework. Look out for it next week!

Water bottles and fruit

Please label your child's water bottle and encourage them to take responsibility for having a drink during the day, especially at break and lunch times.

Children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home to eat at morning break. Other snacks and items from their lunch boxes must be kept for lunch time.

Class Residential

We are looking forward to the residential trip to CYE on Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th March 2020. I will be inviting children from Willow Class to come and share their experiences and some photos from last year. This will give your children the opportunity to talk about any concerns and ask any questions they may have. There will also be a meeting nearer the time for parents. Date tbc.

If you have any questions or queries, please find me in the playground before or after school.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Farquhar