

<p>English</p> <p>Our first book is 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. Our writing focus for this book is a letter.</p> <p>Our second book will be 'Dinosaurs' by Howard Grey. From this text, we will be learning how to write a non-chronological report.</p> <p>Students will all have a Little Wandle phonics session on 3 mornings throughout the week which includes decoding, prosody and comprehension when reading their phonics books. Phonics is followed by a handwriting session; we use the Kinetic Letters scheme using sensory and more focused opportunities to develop our writing skills.</p> <p>Daily opportunities for shared, 1:1 and independent reading will continue along with bringing home 'Bingo' books and any other reading for pleasure books pupils choose. Please encourage reading these at home and let us know how they get on!</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We will initially focus on addition followed by subtraction. We always use lots of practical resources and encourage the pupils to meet their targets when working by themselves and working as part of a group. This helps pupils to secure and further develop existing knowledge.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>My Changing Body is our focus. It might be a bit embarrassing for our teenagers, but this is an important topic to help them understand the changes that are happening to them. We'll look at how genital areas as well as other parts of bodies that change for boys and girls. The girls will learn about periods and the boys about wet dreams before we move onto how their feelings and emotions are also very changeable during puberty, and how this is very normal and part of growing up.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>Back to geography this half term we will be building on prior learning, investigating the continent Europe – our focus will be five countries: France, Finland, Italy and the Netherlands. We'll look at how we could travel to these countries, what the weather is like, the types of food they eat and traditions. Monday afternoons are going to be fun!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 2025 Oak Class</p> 	<p>Computing</p> <p>We're excited to be learning about digital music. This will give us lots of opportunities to listen to a wide range of music including some classical music, a genre we have not recently explored. We'll be thinking about how different music makes us feel and link music to art. After learning about pitch and tone we'll then attempt to use the computer to make our own music.</p>
<p>Work Related Learning</p> <p>Pupils will continue to enjoy a wide range of opportunities. We will have pupils spending whole days at Baggeridge or Ninevah farm. Maintenance continues to be key at Forest School though we are going to be considerate of the health conditions of the pupils that have been allocated these sessions, so classroom activities have also been planned. Library and admin skills, Hospitality and our Pens Meadow Challenge is also ongoing.</p> <p>Our young people will have individual timetables indicating what they will be doing – please support us by sending in any necessary packed lunches and appropriate clothing.</p>		<p>Science</p> <p>'Electricity' will be our focus. After identifying appliances and equipment that use electricity we'll consider batteries as a source of power. We'll learn how to build a simple circuit by understanding how it is necessary to correctly add batteries and switches to make a bulb/buzzer work. Then we'll transfer that understanding into making the correct connection to make other things like torches work.</p> <p>Finally, we will reiterate how dangerous electricity can be and how it is important to stay safe when using it.</p>
	<p>RE</p> <p>Continuing our focus of Christianity, this half term we'll be asking the question 'Who is Jesus?' We learnt about Jesus's birth related to Christmas celebrations last half term; this half term we'll move onto looking at the story of his life. We will learn that he was the son of God and about his teachings along with some of the stories he told. We'll plan a visit to the church to identify images of Jesus.</p>	<p>Preparation for Adulthood</p> <p>For these sessions pupils will have a change of allocated group. They will be joining in with music, rebound and games, dance, or enterprise. The focus of our Enterprise sessions will be making crafts ready for our next coffee morning which will be just before we break up for the Easter holidays, a date which will be whizzing towards us. Thanks to everyone who supported us at Christmas we hope you will support us again.</p> <p>Again, your young person will have their allocated sessions on their individual timetables.</p>