



Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

March 12th
2021

Rooted in love and growing together to become lifelong learners!

Return to School

It has been fantastic to have everyone return to school. Children have settled quickly and enjoyed catching up with friends. Mrs Bentley overheard a child on the first day back saying, "This is fantastic!" In Oak Class, we have always encouraged children to work on a laptop if they find spelling/handwriting challenging. In the past, children have needed support to do this. We have noticed that their ICT skills and confidence have hugely improved, along with their typing ability. We just need a few more laptops and iPads as they are in great demand!

Catch-up Learning

We have not spoken to the children about having to catch up on learning because we have kept going throughout and our engagement with pupils has been fantastic. This has meant that we have been able to hit the ground running upon return to school. We have managed to get straight back into normal routines and continue with our long term plan like we have from September, despite having lockdown. Here is an outline of what we are currently learning:

Acorn Class

In KS1 this week, we have started our Music learning and are investigating pulse, different musical styles as well as working on our glockenspiel skills. Next week, we will be doing this alongside computing skills. We are learning how to present information in a range of ways using IT.

I have been really impressed with our EYFS group this week as they have settled back into school life with ease and enthusiasm. They have carried on from their home learning and are now reading, writing and working together really successfully.

In maths, EYFS have been investigating 3D shapes in real life and looking at patterns. Y1 are investigating weights and measures while Y2 are looking at the properties of 3D shapes using vocabulary such as edges, vertices and faces.

In English, we are continuing with 'The Whale and the Snail.' We will be writing newspaper reports.

Oak Class

English - continuing with our class novel Brightstorm and reading another picture book - the Tin Forest.

RE - learning about the importance of prayer.

French - knowing the French for key buildings e.g. the Post Office, the French for a range of countries around the world, as well as building up our question/response repertoire.

This term we have completed our Science topic on light so for the remainder of the term we will be learning some ICT skills based on using Logo in Purple Mash. This is a text based coding language used to control an on-screen turtle to create mathematical patterns. In this unit, children will learn common commands of Logo and develop their ability to programme.

Homework for Oak Class

- Children are expected to read 4 times per week and for this to be recorded in children's yellow books. This is checked each Monday.
- Spellings will be given out in school on Monday for a test the following Monday. Please encourage your child to practise these. They are always on Spelling Shed too.
- Children will be given grammar homework on Wednesdays. This may be something on paper or on a new website that we are using called Deepening Understanding. This work is to be completed for the following Wednesday.
- Maths will be given out each Friday. It will be questions based on the learning we have done in school so will help the children to revise prior learning.

RAF Rocket Lesson

On Thursday 18th March Oak Class will be welcomed to the RAF Space Challenge. They will journey through the engineering process of designing, creating, testing, and improving. Children will learn all about rockets and satellites. As RAF Engineers they will be tasked with designing and building a rocket that can be successfully launched using straws. When they have a successful rocket, they will carry out 2 scientific experiments.

Welcome

We have welcomed Aiden into school this week. He has joined Oak Class.

Spring Term

A restricted diary is currently in place due to Covid-19

March

Wednesday 17th	3.40pm – 8pm	Parent consultation evening – via telephone
Friday 26th	3.20/3.30pm	School closes for Easter

April

Monday 12th	8.55am	Training day – staff only in school
Tuesday 13th	8.45/8.55am	Children back to school

If you would like a hard copy of this newsletter sent home please contact Mrs Bentley in the school office.

This week's
Learning Heroes
are Lucy, Isobel, Sofia
and Emma

PE Player of
the Week
is... **Evy-Mai**



DOJO Awards

this week go to



250 Dojos

Amelia, Charlie, Veronica,
L-Jay, Maison, Savannah, Sophie, Joe

150 Dojos

Jasmyn, Leo, Lexie, Lucy, Ralfs

100 Dojos – James

Pupils of the Week Certificates

Our Pupils of the Week are:

Aiden and Leyton

The Spelling Shed
CHAMPION this week is
Evy-Mai

Silver Maths Certificates

Congratulations to
Jacquelin and Thomas

Bronze Maths Certificates

Congratulations to
Aiden, Oliver, Emma x 2,
Jacquelin x 3 Dean, Sofia and
Thomas x 5

Writer of the Week

Congratulations
Sara and Kaci
for your writing this week

Handwriter of the Week

Congratulations to
Archie

Mathematicians

of the week are
Oliver and Joe