

Oaks Class

Term 1 Newsletter

"Code Breakers: should codes be broken?"



Dear Oaks parents and carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday – we are really looking forward to catching up with you all and hearing about it! This term, our topic is **'Code breakers: Should codes be broken?'** and the children will be exploring the theme of being a spy. We will be developing our understanding of different genres and *Storm Breaker* by Anthony Horowitz will be our class text. The children will also develop their letter writing skills in their application forms to join MI5!

It will be a fun-packed, eventful term with a dress-up spy themed Code Breaker day for the class, which we will write to you with more information about later. As part of our Code Breaker day, we would like to hold a 'Dragon's Den' style presentation session where each child will present a spy gadget of their own design and making! Please could we ask you to encourage your child **to create and make a spy gadget**. The gadget will also be used to support a series of literacy sessions during the term.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home. We are going to introduce a new way of recording your child's reading – more details to follow soon.						
Spellings	Spelling lists will no longer be sent home. We will do 2 spelling lessons a week in class and this may be followed up by a spelling pattern homework page, which will be set as part of the Grammar homework in their CGP books.						
	Below are the spelling patterns that we will be learning this term:						
	tious, cious and ious	dge and ge	ei, eigh and ey	cial and tial	apostrophes for contraction	Adding es, er and est to words	ous
Maths	Maths homework will be set weekly on a Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. Maths homework will be completed in their CGP books. The pages for this will be sent home in a letter.						
Times Tables	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.						
Grammar	Grammar homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday in their CGP books. The directed pages for this will be sent home in a letter each week.						
To help prepare the children for secondary school, in Year 5 and 6, all homework is expected to be completed and handed in on time. The children will complete any missing homework in school time.							

Useful Websites:

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/action-adventure/article/crack-the-code-1>
- http://www.mathplayground.com/break_the_code.html
- <https://www.braingle.com/games/codebreaker/>
- <https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/changes-in-matter-games/carnival-of-changes.html>

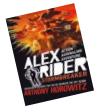
Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Who is Alex Rider and what has happened to him so far in the story?
- What do you know about cyphers? How can you use one to reveal a concealed message?
- What happened at Bletchley Park?
- Who was Ada Lovelace and why do we remember her?
- How is the world mapped and navigated? Do you know what lines of latitude and longitude are?

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers **are labelled** and bring a coat. PE on Monday and Friday for all children. Please ensure your child has their PE kit is in line with the school uniform policy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Riley and Mrs Foot



Term 1 'Code Breakers' Learning Map



Literacy 	Descriptive setting- Villains' Lair 	Advert and leaflet for Spy Gadget 	Formal Letter 												
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Science 	Materials and their properties 	Properties and Changes of Materials 													
DT 	Structures- Bridges 														
History 	How did Bletchley Park contribute to winning WW2? 														
Geography 	How do geographers organise earth? 														
PSHE 		Being me in the World and Zones of Regulation													
Computing 	Online safety 	Concept maps 													
RE 	Understanding Christianity: GOD: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving? 														
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