

Oaks Class

Term 1 Newsletter

‘Code Breakers: should codes be broken?’



Dear Oaks Class Families,

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 develop their letter writing skills in their application forms to join Mi5 whilst trying to crack codes dating all the way back to the Mayan Civilisation!

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.

	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that a record of this is logged on Boom Reader. Year 6 should be reading for at least 45 minutes per week and Year 5 for 30 minutes. A member of staff will be checking app entries on a Friday.
	Every child has a Times Table Rock Stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) for at least 30 minutes per week . It is crucial that the children practise at home to support their maths in school, which relies heavily on recall of multiplication and division facts. Look out for more school and national competitions on TTRS throughout the year.
Maths and Grammar	Maths and Grammar homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Friday. It will be photocopied and handed out with the weekly homework sheet on a Monday. This will begin in Week 3 of Term 1. homework will be completed in the children’s CGP books.
Homework expectations To help prepare the children for secondary school, in Years 5 and 6 all homework is expected to be completed by the due date. The children will have the opportunity to complete it during lunchtime club (prior to the due date) if they prefer. I will let the class know which day this will be.	

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>

Important Reminders for Parents

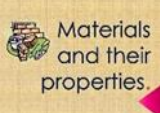
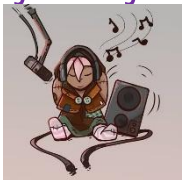
- **Daily Essentials:** Please ensure your child brings a coat, fresh water bottle, and a labelled jumper every day.
- **PE:** PE takes place **on Mondays and Fridays**. Children should wear their PE kits and trainers to school.

Thank you for your support!

We are looking forward to working with you this year!

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Taiclet

Term 1 'Code Breakers' Learning Map

Literacy 	Descriptive setting- Villains' Lair 	Advert and leaflet for Spy Gadget 	Formal Letter 												
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DT 	Structures – Bridges  														
History 	The Mayan Civilisation 														
PSHE SCARF	Me and My Relationships 														
Computing 	Programming Music 														
RE 	Understanding Christianity: GOD: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?  														
French 	How Can I Describe Myself? 														
Music 	Musical Messages and Notation 														
P.E. 	Rugby  														

