

Oak Class (22nd March – 26th March 2021)

Diversity, Tolerance and Equality

PE

The children have continued to develop their Athletics and Dodgeball skills this week. As a class, we have spoken about the importance of going outdoors and having fun. Many of the children really enjoy PE and have enjoyed the games that have taken place in both PE sessions. Athletics and Dodgeball have encouraged teamwork, strategy and initiative – all great skills in life. The children will need their PE kits on Tuesday for Athletics.

Attention Children!

Reading – Please make sure you bring your read for pleasure book into school every day. There are still a few of you who don't have a book in school every day! Let me know if you want a new book.

Homework – A reminder that homework this week is to learn your spellings and test yourself with the times table grid you have. This should be filled in before Monday.

English

Key vocabulary: diagonal, disproportionately, catastrophe, deformed, adorably, instinctively, casually.

During our guided reading sessions this week, the children have asked questions to a range of characters in Wonder. Some of the children then imagined they were August or Via. We have also answered comprehension questions by using the text to justify our thoughts. The children are very good at using speech marks to show they have found the answer in the text – a great skill. In our main writing sessions, the children have been editing and polishing their alternative ending of Wonder. I look forward to reading all of the stories with my cup of tea on Sunday! We have started to read play scripts and will continue with this next week. **Challenge: What are the features of a play script?**



Maths

Key vocabulary: ratio, scaling, scale factor, enlargement, doubling, halving

The children have continued to find the ratio of two objects. It has highlighted those children that know their multiplication and division facts well and those that are not as secure. Please encourage your child to develop their times table skills at home if they feel they are struggling. Yesterday and today, the children have been drawing regular and irregular shapes into their book and increasing/decreasing the scale factor to the shape they've drawn.

Challenge: What is the difference between scale factor $\frac{1}{2}$ and scale factor 2?

Science

The children had a fantastic workshop with Mr Thomas from Abingdon School this week. The children tested the effect of water balloons in the air and then in water. They then measured the relationship between Newtons and kilograms. After our workshop, the children then designed a space rocket for our afternoon experiment. Using a foot pump, we tested all the rockets to see how far they would fly in the air. You will see these pictures (along with others) on the Oak class page.

<https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/science-workshop-with-mr-thomas/>

