

Oak Class (15th March – 19th March 2021)

Diversity, Tolerance and Equality

Topic

In Topic this week, the children have started to develop their understanding of the United States of America. First, the children created a mindmap all about America. Their facts included key cities, states, famous people and landmarks associated with USA. We will re-visit this just before Easter. For the main activity, the children labelled a map of America.

Challenge: How many states can you name in America? What famous landmarks are in America?

Attention Children!

Reading – Please make sure you bring your read for pleasure book into school every day.

Spellings – Learning spellings can be boring so remember to use different methods to help you learn your new words. You can choose how to learn your spellings this term.

Times Tables – you all have a times table grid (mixed or not) to fill in before Monday.

English

During our guided reading sessions this week, the children have been examining the language the author has used and distinguishing between statements that are facts or opinions. Within our writing sessions this week, the children have been creating an alternative ending to Wonder. I have been really impressed with the resilience, perseverance and stamina the children have shown throughout the week to create great stories. Each child has thought of a unique ending and thought carefully in how their story should flow from one part to another. The children are now in the process of up-levelling their work in their portfolio books.

Challenge: What is the difference between a play script and a story? What features are evident in a play script?



Maths

Key vocabulary: ratio, proportion, equivalent, fractions. In Maths this week, the children have started to work with ratio and proportion. The children have worked hard to solve a range of ratio and proportion questions in class. The children have presented their work either as a fraction or as a direct comparison from one topic to another. For example, the ratio of children in year 4 to year 5 to year 6 is 2:15:12. There are lots of good MyMaths activities which will support our learning on ratio this week.

Challenge: What is the ratio of males to females in your family. Include your grandparents, uncles/aunties and cousins in your calculations.

Art

The children have started to make their Benin masks this week. After making elaborate designs, listing all the equipment they would need and considering what they may need to alter if their design doesn't work, the children started to mould and use slip to add clay. The attention to detail is really good and I know the children enjoyed spending time out of the classroom doing this. Mrs Viner was impressed with the children's attitude throughout and how unique each mask is.

Next week, the children will start to use gold, silver or bronze paint on their masks.

