

Oak Newsletter Autumn 2023

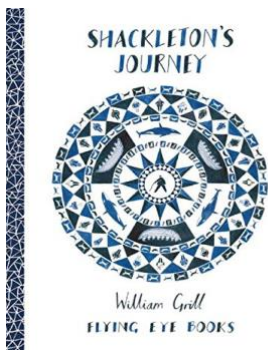
This term the St Mary's children are being taught using a new learning scheme called CUSP*. It is an exciting programme of learning which provides excellent coverage of the Primary Curriculum. In Oak, we start our History topic with the Ancient Greeks and learn about them through artefacts, myths and written recordings.

*<https://www.unity-curriculum.co.uk/>

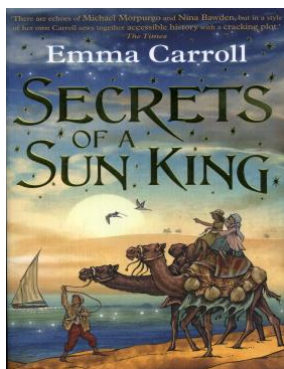
In Geography we will study the biomes of our planet and identify the different countries they are found in. Science this term is investigating the properties of all kinds of materials and creating some investigations to help understand why specific materials are used for specific purposes. We will also learn about life cycles of animals including humans. In Music we will learn songs linked to our seasons and festivals and also a range of modern pop songs. Children will have an opportunity

to play tuned instruments using a musical score. In RE we will study concepts of Freedom and Justice and how they are an intrinsic part of all of the major religions. We will also focus our learning on our great philosophers (Plato and Socrates to name two) and see how they explained some of life's biggest questions. PE will be a range of ball game skills, team work and in-class competitions

Class Readers



Shackleton's Journey by William Grill AND Secrets of the Sun King by Emma Carroll



Reading

During the week, children need a reading book in school M-F, which they will take home at the weekend and be expected to read aloud from to an adult. (Don't forget to sign and date the reading record please 😊.) This book will be chosen from a selection at school though children can bring their own if it is appropriate to their reading level. Children needing an extra boost with phonics / comprehension, will take part in small-group Precision Teaching sessions. Reading Karate Badges will continue to be awarded this year so the more they read, the more badges they will get. Get reading Oak Class and see if we can be the class to get the most badges! (Points do not carry over from last year.)



Upcoming Events / Activities in Autumn 2023

In this term we have a number of and events:

- McMillian Café for grandparents to attend on the 28th of September
- Harvest Celebration at Cromer Crematoria on the 29th September 2pm
- Church Harvest Festival on the 12th October 2pm
- Bikeability level 1 and 2 – 1st and 2nd November
- Remembrance Service at school 10 November
- Children in Need (Wear Spots!) and cake sale 16th November
- Decoration morning 5th December
- Cromer Crematoria Christmas Service 12th December 6pm
- Panto at Sheringham Little Theatre 13th December
- Christmas Church Service 20th December 2pm

We will endeavour to notify you ASAP of any changes to these dates.

Please ensure your child comes to school every day in school uniform. We are heading into changeable weather so make sure they have appropriate clothing to keep them cool or warm or dry. This half term, children have an extra PE on Tuesday in addition to Friday. Your child should come in PE kit which conforms to our uniform: black or blue leggings, jog bottoms or shorts (no logo), a plain white, blue or school T-shirt, school sweatshirt or a plain blue one and trainers. A reminder that nail varnish and jewellery (earring on posts excepted) should not be worn at school and that long hair must be clipped back, away from faces. Children are allow their own bottles of squash, water or juice at lunchtime only. The rest of the time they will use school provided bottles which are available to them at all times.