

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



We hope you had a fantastic half-term break filled with fun, laughter, and cherished moments. It's wonderful to see our students returning with refreshed energy and enthusiasm ready to dive back into learning adventures!

As we embark on this new term together, let's continue to foster a supportive environment where every child can have high expectations and achieve. We have exciting activities, lessons, and experiences planned to ignite curiosity and spark creativity.

Our school is not just a place of learning; it's a community where each family plays a vital role. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education journey.

Welcome back, everyone! We're thrilled to have you back with us. Let's make it a fantastic term together!

Warm regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday 1 March:	LS Open Door Morning (+Phonics in some year groups) 8:25-8:50
Thursday 7 March:	World Book Day
Monday 18 March – Thursday 21 March:	Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 21 March:	Parents'/Carers' Eve 15:30-19:00 – Bookings will open on 7 March; please look out for a separate letter about this event later this term.
Tuesday 26 March:	Parents'/Carers' Eve 15:30-18:30 – Bookings will open on 7 March; please look out for a separate letter about this event later this term.
Thursday 28 March:	Last Day of Term

Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Amethyst Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to collaborate and cooperate with one another successfully*. Our termly value is 'High Inclusion' this term. We will also be focussing on one Modern British Value.

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Amethyst Power
KOA Value of the Term: High Inclusion
British Value of the Term: Mutual Respect and

Amethyst Power

The ability to collaborate and cooperate



- I collaborate with others to achieve more than I can do on my own
- I cooperate with others and can share and compromise
- I can be led
- I can work with diverse groups of people
- I contribute my fair share
- I can be a leader

High Inclusion

We include everyone when...

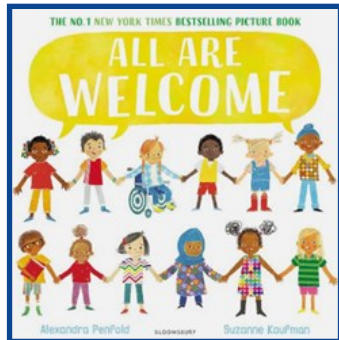
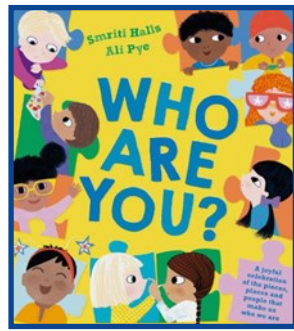
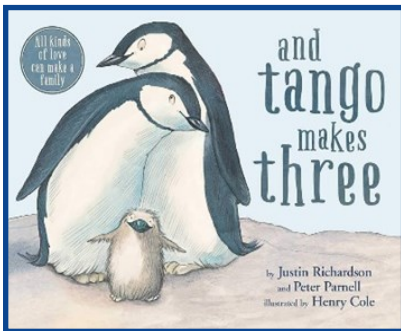
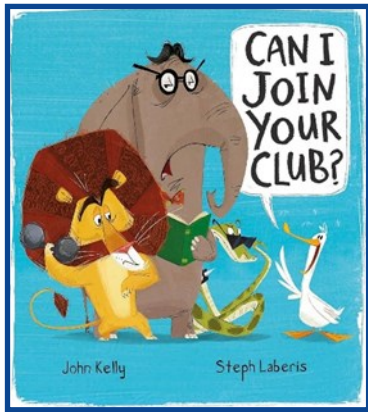


- We show belonging
- We respect the right to be heard
- We join in and collaborate
- We make sure everyone is valued, respected and supported
- We all achieve

Tolerance

We have started to explore our termly Learning Gem Power and our termly value in classes and will continue to work on these in assemblies throughout

This term, we will also be reading these texts to explore our values and our **Gem Power**.



Term 4 Lower School Open Door Day



When? Friday 1 March 2024; 8.25am - 8.50am

What? This will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit your child's new classroom from 8.25 – 8.50 to look at your child's recent learning and explore it alongside them. You can visit more than one classroom during that slot. Please sign in upon arrival and sign out using the classroom signing out sheet.

How? Please enter via the gate as usual. Classroom doors will open at 8.25 and you will be invited to come in. Please then exit via the school office by 8.50.

Our Learning

You will have now received a termly communication from your child's year group, including a termly letter, curriculum overview and additional home learning menus in KS2. These will also be available on our website. Links to year group pages are below:

Learn as a Geographer As a geographer this term, we will be identifying countries within South America. We will focus on others they are located in relation to the compass points, the Arctic and the Antarctic.	Learn as a Scientist As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will construct our own simple circuits and investigate conductors and insulators.	Learn as a Designer As a designer, we will be researching how clothes work. We will then design, make and create our own...
I am a Mathematician As a mathematician this term, we will be finding our multiplication and division with a particular focus on formal methods. Then, moving on to look at area of a shape and perimeter.	Year 4 – Term 4 This term, we will be focusing on being a Geographer.	Learn as an Author This term, as authors, we are studying the book 'There Be Monsters!' by Joy Keane. We will read the poem together and then write our own version of the story. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about a monster.
I am a Philosopher As a philosopher this term we will be focusing on the religion of Christianity. We will be learning about the Easter Story.	Learn as an Artist In PE this term, we will be focusing on the anatomy song. We will identify differences in memorials and expression.	

King's Oak Year 4 Homework Menu Term 4			
Starters	Draw a map of South America. Can you label the countries? Can you label the capital cities?	Make a list of all the appliances in your home that use electricity.	Try and beat your high score on TT18!
Main	Write a set of instructions for your favourite game.	Create a treasure map. Use compass directions to explain how to find the treasure.	Create a monster using junk modelling. What special features does it have?
Dessert	Write a book review of your reading book. Why do you like it?	Research artists Glen Alps or Jerry Di Falco. What are they best known for? Do you like their artwork? Explain your answers.	Create your own exercise routine. Remember to warm up and cool down.

February 2023

Dear Parents,

Here is our homework menu for Year 4. Please see below, important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- PE:** All children to be on Mondays and Thursdays this term. As we will be going outside, please ensure that children have suitable clothing.
- Reading:** This term, we will continue with the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme. Children have the opportunity to complete a quiz related to their book and receive an AR score based on their score. The children are being asked to complete a quiz every 200 AR points on a book.
- Time Tables:** We have the timetables table. Check (HT) this year as there will be an extra hour on Thursdays. We will be doing work in what we call this. However, it is important to practice these tables at home that would be very helpful.
- Homework will include:**
 - Reading:** The reading rolls will continue with children being awarded one roll for each week of their class and one roll for each roll for the year or more rolls. Please read at least 10 minutes a week and record this in their reading notebook.
 - Mathematics:** Please ensure that children have their multiplication and division tables up to date. These will be sent out with your topic work.
 - PE:** Please ensure that children have their PE kit ready for school and are encouraged to practice their skills at home as much as possible to increase their fitness. Help us out by completing between classes and over groups.
 - Spelling:** A list of new spellings will be sent home every Friday for the children to practice.
 - Topic:** As Geographers we will be finding out about locations around the world with a focus on South America.

Date	Event
Tuesday 28 February	PE Day, Night for World Book Day
Wednesday 1 March	Parents' Evening
Friday 9 March 10:00-10:30	Lower School Open Door
Monday 12 February - Friday 13 March	World Book Week
Monday 19 - Friday 23 March	Reading Week
Monday 26 - Friday 30 March	World Science Week
Tuesday 28 March	UK Day, Day of Maths
Thursday 29 March 10:00-10:30	Parents' and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 28 March 10:00-10:30	Parents' and Carers' Evening, Easter to follow
Friday 29 March	Last day of Term 4

Year Group	Website Page
Reception	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/reception/
Year 1	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-1/
Year 2	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-2/
Year 3	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-3/
Year 4	https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-4/

School Day Reminder

Please ensure that children are dropped off before 8.30 so that learning can start promptly and gates can be secured on time as you may be directed to go via the office if you arrive late, after the gate closure time.

	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School	Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates Open: 2.50pm Classroom doors open (end of school day): 3pm Gates Close: 3.05pm

Travelling Book Fair - Monday 19—Thursday 21 March

A Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the very best in children's books to your school. Every Book Fair is packed with hundreds of the best children's books for all ages – from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more.

Children will have an opportunity to explore these books during the school day and parents/carers will be able to drop in and purchase books at the end of the school day, 3pm - 3.30pm. Purchasing details will follow once the Book Fair has arrived.

Progressive Sports Enrichment

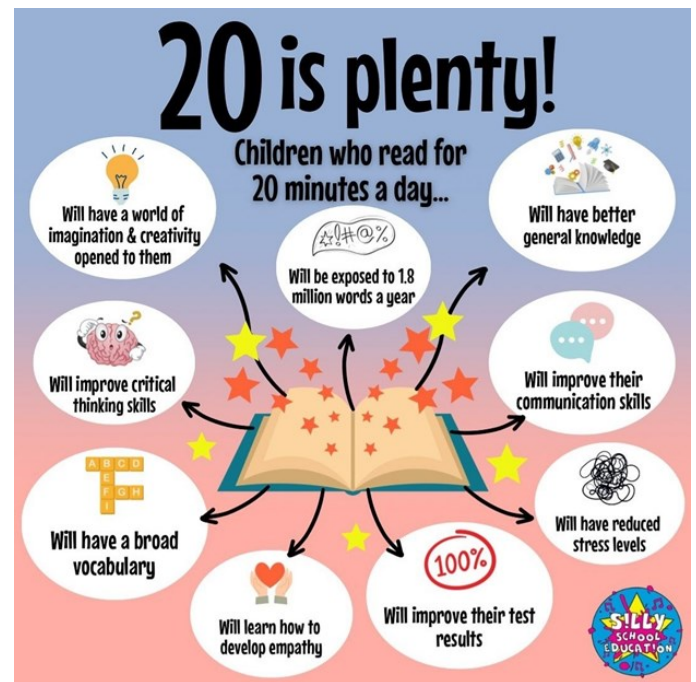
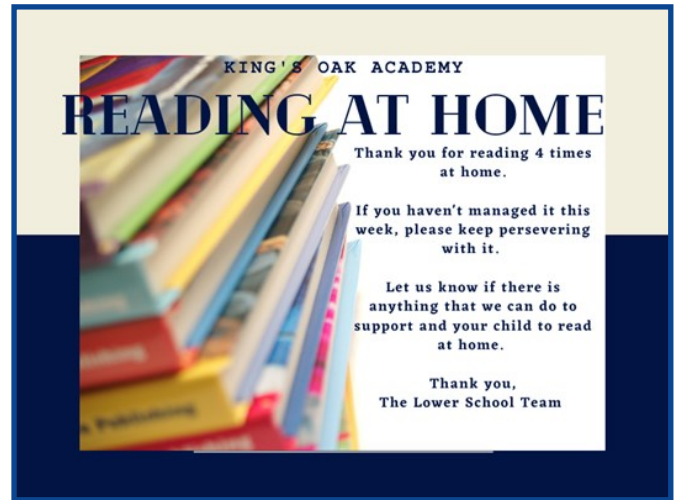
PE enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 take place every Monday afternoon. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session. This term, children will participate in New Age Curling Sessions or Seated Volleyball sessions.

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 4 .

Year Group	Date
Year 1	Sessions have already commenced
Year 2	Week 2: Monday 26 February 2024
Year 3	Week 3: Monday 4 March 2024
Year 4	Week 4: Monday 11 March 2024

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their enrichment day.

Reading at Home



Avon Fire and Rescue Roleplay in Reception

We have been very fortunate to have received the Fire Service Awareness discovery learning pack to explore in our Reception class this week. The pack contains resources which inspire creative and engaging play, teaching children to gain a positive awareness of who the Fire and Rescue Service is and some of the ways in which they help to keep our communities safe. Our Reception children had a wonderful time using these educational resources and learning through play.



SEND Family Support Sessions

We are very pleased to confirm that Miss Roscoe, the Head of Inclusion and Lead SENDCo, will be holding SEND Family Support Sessions for the families of King's Oak Academy from 5-6pm, in the LRC (Middle School site).

These dates are:

- 28 February 2024 - Sensory Needs
- 27 March 2024 - Transition from Year 11 To Post 16
- 01 May 2024 - Transition for Year 6 To Year 7
- 22 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy and Numeracy- (Including Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)
- 26 June 2024 - Social Communication and Interaction
- 17 July 2024 - Summer Sen Offers & Summer Support in The Local Area.

In these sessions parents and carers of SEN students can meet to discuss a range of SEN strategies, develop a supportive network, and learn about SEN resources within the local area.

Spaces for these sessions are limited to 25 people and can be booked via Eventbrite (a link for this has been sent home to families, if you have not received a link please drop us a message).

Please note that each session will need to be booked separately.



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Lower School Clubs Term 4

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-5	Choir	Lower School	3:00 – 4:00	Miss Palmer-Turk
Monday	3-4	Girls Football	Astro	3:10 – 4:10	Miss Baber
Monday	R-2	Create & Explore	KS1 playground/ hall	3:00 – 4:00	Sporting Chance After School Clubs
Tuesday	1-6	Gymnastics	LS Hall	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-3	Multi-Sports	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Thursday	3-4	Football	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Daily	R-7	After-school club (Teddy Bears)	LS site	7.30-8.30am & 3pm-5.45pm	Teddy Bears provision team

