

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



We hope this message finds you refreshed after a delightful Easter break filled with joy and cherished moments. As we return to school, we extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you!

The Easter holidays provided us with a chance to rest, reflect, and spend quality time with loved ones. Now, as we step back into the school routine, we're excited to embark on another term of learning, growth, and fun-filled experiences together. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education journey. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova

| Important Upcoming Dates | |
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| Monday 15 April | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 16 April | First Day of Term 5 |
| From Tuesday 16 April | Books and Biscuits Club (after school for 10 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday) |
| Friday 26 April | Open Door Day 08.25am-08.50am and Phonics Sessions from 08.50am |
| Friday 26 April | YR - Welly Walk 1 |
| Wednesday 1 May | Whole Class Photos (YR-Y6) |
| Friday 6 May | Early May Bank Holiday (School Closed) |
| Friday 10 May | YR - Welly Walk 2 |
| Friday 24 May | YR – Welly Walk 3 |
| Friday 24 May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Monday 3 June | First Day of Term 6 |

Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Topaz Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to communicate*. Our termly value this term is also one of our Modern British Values – Democracy & Individual Liberty.

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Topaz Power
British Value of the Term: Democracy and Individual Liberty

Topaz Power

The ability to communicate



- I control my voice
- I ask a range of questions
- I can speak formally
- I speak in full sentences
- I use excellent grammar when I speak
- I can use the correct vocabulary
- I can build on the point of others
- I use my voice to express my feelings, communicate my thoughts and ideas
- I stand to speak when appropriate

British Values:

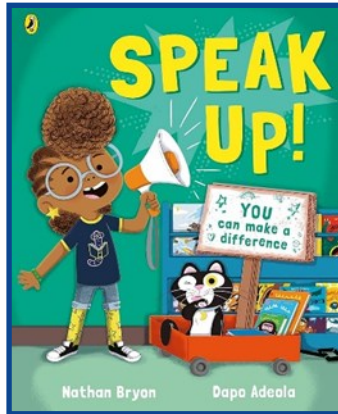
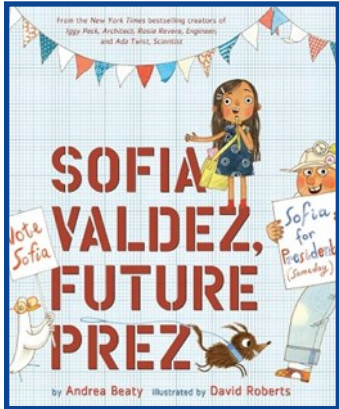
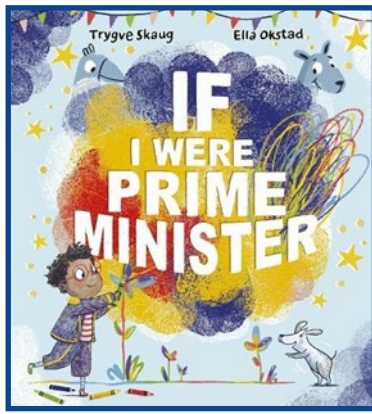
Democracy and Individual Liberty












- Individual Liberty is the right to believe, act and express oneself freely.
- Democracy is a culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

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

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



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| <p>I am a Geographer As a geographer this term, we will be studying countries within South America. We will focus on where they are located in relation to the compass points, the Arctic and the Antarctic.</p>  | <p>I am a Scientist As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will construct our own simple circuits and investigate insulators and conductors.</p>  | <p>I am a Designer As a designer, we will be researching how clothes work. We will then design, make and evaluate our own.</p>  |
| <p>I am a Mathematician As mathematicians this term, we will be finishing our multiplication and division and with a particular focus on formal methods. Then, moving on, we will look at areas of a shape and perimeter.</p>  | <p>Year 4 - Term 4 This term, we will be finishing on being a Geographer.</p>  | <p>I am an Author This term as authors we are enjoying the book 'How to Succeed in School' by Jay Shetty. We will read the parts together and then write our own version of the story. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about a monster.</p>  |
| <p>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.</p>  | <p>I am an Artist In this term, we will be focusing on the creative arts. We will identify differences in numerals and expressions.</p>  | |

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

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 are also available on our website.

Links to year group pages are below:

February 2023

Dear Parents,

Here is information for Year 4.

Please see below, important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- P.E.** will continue 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 using the Accelerated Reader (AR) system. Children have the opportunity to complete a quiz related to their book and receive up to a level based on their score. The children are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 2000 to move up a level.
- Times Tables:** We have the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this year so there will be an extra focus on this. We will be doing work in school on this. However, if children can practice their times tables at home that would be very helpful.
- Homework** will include:
 - Reading:** The reading rolls will continue with children being awarded one roll ticket for reading at least once a week and two roll tickets awarded for four or more reads. Please read at least 4 times a week and record this in their reading records.
 - Homework menu:** Children can choose from a range of different activities which will be linked to our topic. These will be sent out with your topic work.
 - TTMs:** With the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching this year we are encouraging the children to practice their tables as often as possible to improve their fluency. Keep an eye out for competitions between classes and year groups!
 - Spellings:** 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.

Important Dates:

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 28 February | PS Day for World Book Day |
| Wednesday 1 March | World Book Day |
| Friday 3 March 08:00-09:00 | Lower School Open Day |
| Monday 27 February - Friday 3 March | World Book Week |
| Monday 19 - Friday 23 March | Topic Book Week |
| Monday 19 - Friday 23 March | British Science Week |
| Tuesday 14 March | CLF Big Day of Maths |
| Thursday 22 March 12:00-12:00 | Parents' and Carers' Evening |
| Thursday 22 March 16:00-16:00 | Parents' and Carers' Evening (subject to follow) |
| Friday 31 March | Last Day of Term 4 |

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| Year Group | Website Page |
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| 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 |
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| Lower School | Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am |

| School Day Ends |
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| Gates Open: 2.50pm Classroom doors open (end of school day): 3pm Gates Close: 3.05pm |

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 Cricket World Cup themed sessions.

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 5.

| Year Group | Date |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Year 2 | Sessions have already commenced |
| Year 3 | Monday 29 th April 2024 |
| Year 4 | Monday 13 th May 2024 |

Children should come into school in their PE kit on their enrichment day.

Class Photos

Tulip Photography will be visiting us on Wednesday 1 May to capture this year's whole-class photos. Please ensure your child wears their everyday school uniform and if they have PE (Year 3) please bring in PE clothes which your child can change into in the afternoon.






Follow KOA on Social Media
Instagram: @kingsoakacademy
Twitter: @kingsoakacademy
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<https://www.facebook.com/kingsoakacademy/>



Message from Miss Tattersall and the Lower School Eco Committee

Message from the Eco Committee

We have decided on three targets to support our application for the Eco Schools Green Flag Award in the summer.

-  1. **Marine:** Increase awareness through art of the harm of plastic pollution on marine life.
-  2. **Transport:** Support more families to travel sustainably to school.
-  3. **Energy:** Increase awareness of unnecessary energy usage in school through a power down week.

We need your help to achieve these targets!

How you can help:



Please bring in any **bottle tops** from used plastic bottles to your child's class teacher. Each class will have a box to collect bottle tops that we will then use in our Lower School Art Week in Term 6. Please ensure the tops are clean.

We would like to encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot at least part of the way to school during the final week of Term 5 (week beginning 20th May). While we appreciate a commute solely by walking may not be possible for all families, there are lots of different ways to make your school commute more sustainable.



Reception Forest School Family Sessions

Reception class would like to invite you to experience Forest School this term on the following dates:

Catkins Class only - Monday 13 May at 9am

Blossom Class only - Monday 20 May at 9am.

After you have dropped your child(ren) to school, please come around to the main office reception to be signed in by our office team.

We look forward to sharing our Forest School space and activities with you. Wellies are optional depending on weather at the time!

If you have any questions then please see a Reception team member at the door.

Playground resources

Once again, we have been incredibly lucky to have received a contribution from our Friends of King's Oak



Academy group towards new playground equipment.



School playgrounds play a crucial role in promoting physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being among students.

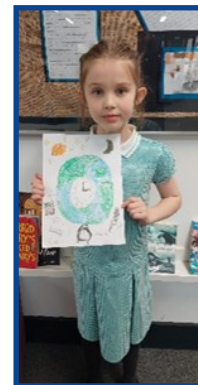
We are very grateful to have received this kind donation and have used the money to invest in some long-lasting equipment to support our children in their development of gross motor skills and creativity.



British Science Week

Lower School children participated in a British Science Week poster competition before the holidays. As our theme this year was 'Time', each child was encouraged to think about time – what it means to them and how it relates to the science they've learnt about during the course of the week.

Below are our KOA competition winners, runners up and highly commended entries from KS1 and KS2. Congratulations to all who participated and engaged with this challenge and sparkled brightly with emerald, sapphire and diamond powers!



Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - April

Below is Miss Baber's next challenge for Lower School pupils. You can record your thinking in any format you like and hand to your class teacher or Miss Baber directly when you are in school by the end of next week! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly.

MATHS IN PICTURES



HOW MANY?

WHAT IS THE SAME AND WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

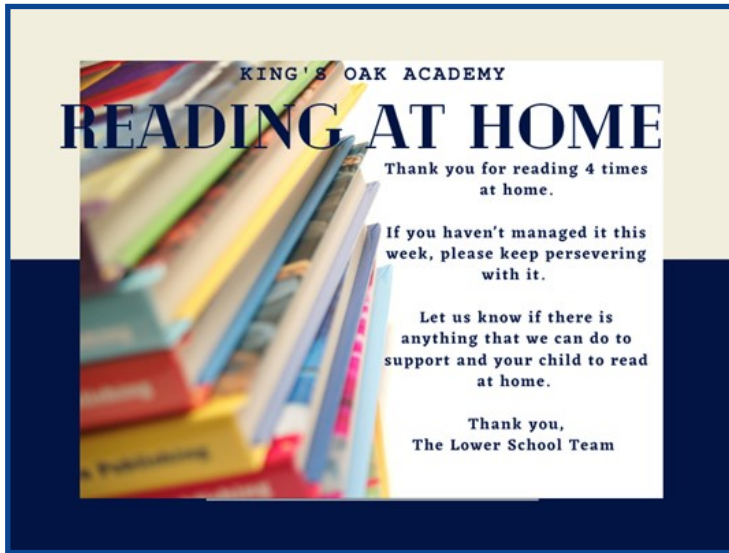
WHAT FRACTION OF THE HATS ARE BLUE?

WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF YELLOW HATS?

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE POSITION OF THE PALE PINK HATS IN RELATION TO THE BLUE HATS?

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH YOUR CLASS
TEACHERS AND MISS BABER**

Reading at Home



Thank you for supporting your children to flourish into independent, enthusiastic and fluent readers by encouraging them to read at home.

Here are just a few of our recent Reading Raffle winners:



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:

- 01 May 2024 - Transition for Year 6 To Year 7
- 22 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy & 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.

Teddy Bear's Childcare



Teddy Bear's staff are really excited to share their new website with you:

www.teddybearschildcare.uk

Please don't hesitate to use it as a route to information and making contact with the provision.

Lower School Clubs Term 5

| Lower School | Year Group | Activity | Location | Time | Staff |
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| 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 | 3-6 | 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 |



FRIENDS OF KING'S OAK

WE NEED YOU

We are looking for passionate, dedicated people to join our team.

Be part of our amazing team of volunteers and help us continue to support the education and development of students at King's Oak Academy.

There are many ways you can get involved. You can commit as much time as works for you, whether its attending a meeting or helping at events, we appreciate any and all the help we can get.

Speak to a member of the team or send us an email for more information.

friendsofkoa@hotmail.com



WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN



SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

GATES OPEN 10AM

If you're child is not taking part, please
support the school by donating to the
fundraiser.

We will have a DJ set provided by
DJ Bridge'o' and a DJ set provided by
DJ Bridge'o' and a DJ set provided by
and hot food including ice cream & Desserts
and hot food including ice cream & Desserts
as well as a tuck shop.
It will be a great day.



**Still want to take part?
Sign up before 19/4 by
scanning the QR code**

