



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I hope this bulletin finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we transition into the magical festive season, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to Term 2 at King's Oak Academy. It is

always a pleasure to have our students and their families return to our school, and we are excited to embark on this festive and educational journey together.

This term is a special time of the year when we come together to celebrate not only the holiday season but also the joy of learning and growing. At the Lower School, we are committed to providing your child with a nurturing and enriching environment that fosters academic excellence, personal development, and a strong sense of community.

We have exciting plans and activities in store for the upcoming term, including festive assemblies and events, creative art projects, and experiences that will ignite the spirit of curiosity and wonder in our young learners.

To keep you informed and engaged, we will continue to communicate important information and updates through newsletters, our school website, and other channels. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as we work together to make this term a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your child.

In the spirit of the festive season, we will also be organising special events and initiatives that promote the values of kindness, generosity, and community. This will include our annual fundraising for Children in Need. We hope to instil in our children the importance of giving back and spreading joy.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful term ahead.

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Black History Month

This is the incredible picture of the Civil Rights Leader, Dr Martin Luther King JR that was created by our Lower School EDI group and Mr Harvey to celebrate Black History Month.



Important Upcoming Dates

Important dates	
Monday 30 October	First day of Term 2
Friday 10 November	Lower School Open Door 8.25 -8.50
Tuesday 14 November	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 17 November	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk - Warmley Cenotaph
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day – spotty or stripy socks and tops dress up – letter sent 2.11.23
Friday 1 December	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk – Local Area
Monday 11 Dec 2.20pm and Thursday 14 Dec 8.50am	Reception Christmas Carol Performance
Tuesday 5 and 6 December	Year 1&2 Nativity
Thursday 7 December	Year 3&4 festive performance
Thursday 7 December	Festive Jumper or Traditional Dress Day
Friday 15 December	End of Term
Monday 1 January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 January	First Day for Term 3

Term 2 Open Door Day

When? Friday 10 December; 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.

Parent Led Anxiety Therapeutic Workshop – Date to be confirmed

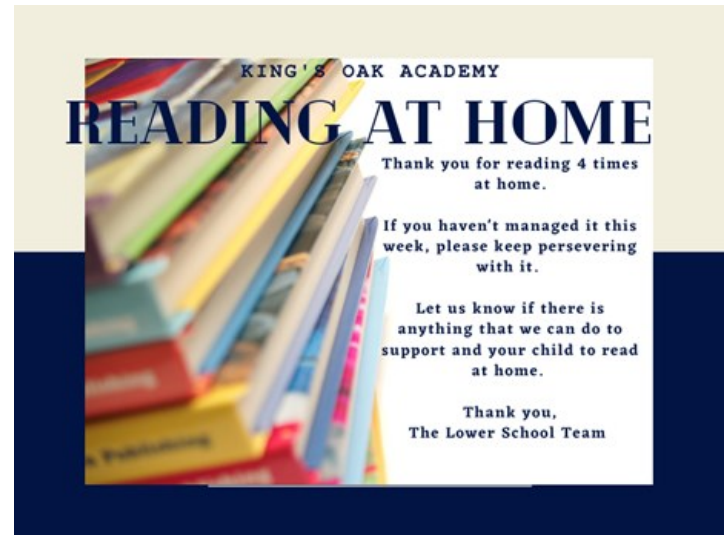
In Term 2 Bea, one of King's Oak Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) is running a 6 session Parent Led Anxiety Therapeutic group for parents with young people in Years 1-8. They will be co-facilitated by another EMHP we have in the school, Beth.

They are offering this for up to 8 young people who are struggling with anxiety such as phobias, school worries or worries they are struggling to identify. This causes them to not want to attend school on certain days, stopping them going to hobbies or events, or separating from parents.

Over the 6 sessions, we will work through Cognitive Behavioural Skills that can encourage the child to talk about their worries, steps on how to overcome them and problem solving. It is based on a self-help book, guided by both EMHPs and research has found that this has a high success rate.

We encourage both parents and carers to attend every session as we aim to form a community, so you do not feel like you are going through these struggles on your own.

Reading at Home



We want to express our gratitude for your dedication and commitment to reading with your children at home. Your involvement in their journey is invaluable, and we want to commend your efforts. By sharing the joy of reading with your children, you are not only enhancing their language skills but also fostering a love for learning that will benefit them throughout their lives. Your support is a crucial building block in their educational foundation. Thank you for being such wonderful partners in your children's education. We encourage you to continue this meaningful practice, and we look forward to witnessing the continued growth and love for reading in your children. Here are just a couple of our recent Reading Raffle proud winners:



Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Emerald Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience*. Our termly value is 'Work Hard'.

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Emerald Power
Value of the Term: Work Hard

Emerald Power

The ability to manage emotions, bounce back and show resilience



- I am brave enough to have a go
- I know mistakes are opportunities to learn
- I have bouncebackability
- I control my own emotions
- I am resilient
- I can manage disappointment
- I am able to label my emotions

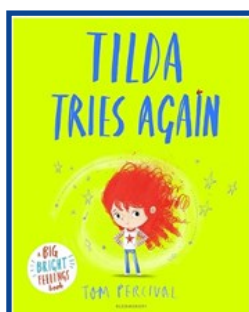
Core Value: Work Hard

We work hard when...



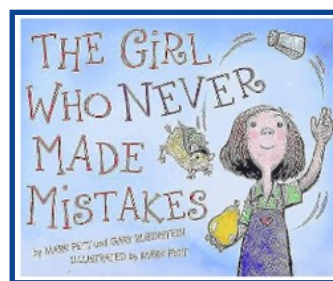
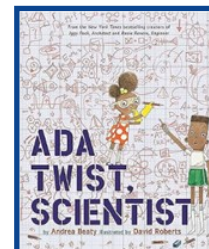
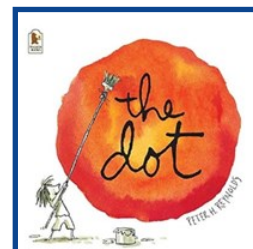
- We are 'Ready to Learn'
- We persevere
- We manage disappointments
- We can do hard things
- We give 100% every day

We have started to explore our termly Learning Gem Power and our termly value both in class and in our assemblies already. In order to explore our value of 'Work Hard' we read 'Tilda Tries Again' by Tom Percival. This inspiring story is about coping with difficult situations and encourages children to build resilience and embrace a 'can do' approach to life.



Children have already made an excellent start to this term by working on new units of learning across the curriculum, getting to know their new class stories in Authors and embracing the learning of new skills. It has been wonderful to hear our KOA citizens discussing their emerald power targets with their friends and adults with their gem powers shining brightly.

Later on this term, we will also be reading these texts to explore the value of 'Work Hard' and our **Emerald Power**.



Progressive Sports Enrichment



This year's enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 are going to be slightly different. Rather than a whole day once a term the sessions are going to be every Monday

afternoon for the term. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session. This term children will participate in box fit sessions!

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 2.

Year Group	Date
1	Week 2: Monday 6 November
2	Week 3: Monday 13 November
3	Week 4: Monday 20 November
4	Week 5: Monday 27 November

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

Our Learning

Thank you for attending our Open-Door days over the past academic year. It has been fantastic to be able to regularly share our learning with you and we know that our children appreciate these opportunities to welcome you into their classrooms.

You would 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 where 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 insulators and conductors.

Learn as a Designer
As a designer, we will be researching how things work. We will then design, make and evaluate our own.

Learn as 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 to look at area of a shape and coordinates.

Learn as 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 Author
This term, as authors we are studying the book *Here Be Monsters* by Joy Williams. 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.

Learn as Artists
In PE this term, we will be focusing on the creation song. We will identify differences in movements and expressions.

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 TTRS!
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.

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/

Dear families,

Term 4 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) scheme. Children have the opportunity to complete a quiz related to their book and receive up a level based on their score. The children are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 200% to receive up a level.
- Times tables:** We have the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this year so there will be an extra focus on times tables. 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 offer will continue with children being awarded one raffle ticket for reading at least once a week and two raffle tickets awarded for four or more reads. Please read at least 4 times a week and record this on 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 web.
 - TTRS:** with the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching this year we are encouraging the children to practice their tables as often as possible to increase their fluency. Keep an eye out for competitions between classes and year groups!
 - Spellings:** A lot 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.

Masterplan Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 18 February	PE Story Night for World Book Day
Wednesday 1 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March 08:00-09:00	Lower School Open Day
Monday 17 February - Friday 8 March	World Book Week
Monday 13 - Friday 17 March	Traveling Book Fair
Monday 13 - Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	CLF Big Day of Maths
Thursday 22 March 10:30-12:00	Parents and Carers' Evening
Thursday 26 March 16:00-18:00	Parents and Carers' Evening (Letter to follow)
Friday 10 March	Last Day of Term 4

500 Words 2023: Everything you need to know



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, opens on Tuesday 26 September and will run till Friday 10 November.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. All children are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. Further details, guidelines and submission information is below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

You may also like to use these writing prompts, whether you'd like to enter this competition or just enjoy a little bit of story writing!

Festive Events 2023



King's Oak Academy festive celebrations are only around

Monday 11 Dec 2.20pm and Thursday 14 Dec 8.50am	Reception Christmas Carol Performance
Tuesday 5 December and Wednesday 6 December	Years 1 and 2 Nativity
Thursday 7 December	Years 3 and 4 festive performance
Thursday 7 December	Festive Jumper or Traditional Dress Day
Date TBC	Christmas Lunch

the corner now. We have a range of opportunities and exciting events planned this year. A separate letter with the full update, including all dates and times will be sent by the end of next week.

School Day timings 2023-2024

Lower School end of the school day is at 3pm. Please ensure that you have picked up your Lower School children between 3pm and 3.05pm when the gates will be closed. If you are unable to pick your child up before the gates are closed, please be advised that you can make alternative childcare arrangements with Teddy Bears or another after school club.



Opening Times: 7-30am to 8-30am
& 3pm to 5-45pm

Games, Crafts, Toys, Socialising, Relaxing whatever your child needs to prepare them for the day's learning and after a day at school we will care for your child until you are able to take them home
Holiday Club also offered; days & times set according to demand
8am to 5.30pm – contact Cathryn for costs and dates

Food: a healthy breakfast will be provided before school & a healthy snack will be provided after school; children staying after 5pm may bring a healthy packed lunch to be eaten before they go home

RESERVING A PLACE: Contact Cathryn – info@teddybearschildcare.uk

Bookings should be at least 2 weeks in advance to enable Teddy Bear's to plan staffing ratios
Teddy Bear's will take short notice bookings if there is the space –07760 237663

COST: £4-80 per hour (or £2-40 for half an hour)

Childcare Vouchers accepted – please discuss with Cathryn

**All Staff
Paediatric
First Aid Trained**

Staff have a combined
35+ years plus experience

	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
Middle School	Gates Open: 8.25am Year 5/6 classrooms Open: 8.30am Year 7/8 Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm
Upper School	Gates Open: 8.25am Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm

Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - November

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 November! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly.

MATHS IN PICTURES



WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT SHAPES, ANGLES, LINES?

HOW TALL, HOW LONG, HOW WIDE -

WHAT ELSE?

WHAT STAYS THE SAME AND WHAT

CHANGES?

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

Lower School Clubs Term 2

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-5	Choir	Lower School	3:00 – 4:00	Miss Palmer-Turk
Monday	1-2	Superstars	KS2 playground/hall	3:00 – 4:00	Sporting Chance After School Clubs
Tuesday	2-6	Survival Skills (fully booked)	KS2 playground/forest school	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-2	Football	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	
Thursday	3-6	Football	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Friday	1-3	Gymnastics (fully booked)	LS Hall	3:00 – 4:00	
Daily	R-7	After-school club (Teddy Bears)	LS site	7.30-8.30am & 3pm-5.45pm	Teddy Bears provision team



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM WANTED



UNTIL FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, YOU CAN DONATE YOUR UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS BY DROPPING THEM INTO THE LOWER, MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL OFFICES.



THANK YOU!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE



FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
IN THE YEAR 1 GARDEN ROOM
(SAME PLACE AS LAST TIME)
FROM 2.45PM



ALL ITEMS WILL BE PRICED AT £3 OR LESS.

CASH AND CARDS TAKEN.



JOIN US FOR

Coffee & Cake



EVERY THURSDAY

9-10AM

LOWER SCHOOL HALL
CHILDREN WELCOME




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