



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I trust this letter finds you well and eagerly anticipating the opportunities that a new year brings. On behalf of the entire King's Oak Academy staff, I extend a warm welcome back to all our children and families after the festive break.



Happy New Year! May 2024 be filled with exciting discoveries, academic achievements, and memorable experiences for you and your children. We hope the past few weeks allowed for restful moments, quality family time, and the creation of precious memories.

As we dive into the second half of the school year, we are energised and ready to continue fostering a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. Our dedicated teachers have planned exciting lessons and enrichment opportunities that will spark curiosity, inspire growth and continue to support all children in working hard and being kind.

As we embrace the new opportunities and challenges that 2024 brings, I know that we will continue to work together to make this a fulfilling and successful academic year for all our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, our dedicated staff is here to support you.

Warm regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Gem Power and Value of Term

This term we will be learning about the Sapphire Gem Power. This gem helps us think about *the ability to stay focussed and manage distractions*. Our termly value is 'High Expectations' this term. We will also be focussing on one Modern British Value.

Learning Gem Power of the Term: Sapphire Power

KOA Value of the Term: High Expectations

British Value of the Term: The Rule of Law

Sapphire Power

The ability to stay focused



- I can manage distractions
- I listen to others
- I stay focused
- I use a correct sitting position
- I focus on the most important thing in the moment
- I don't procrastinate

High Expectations

We have high expectations when...

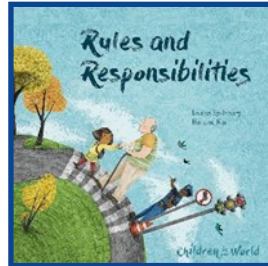
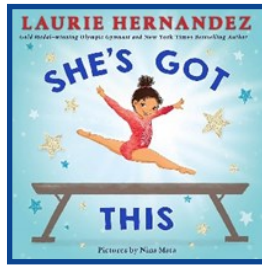
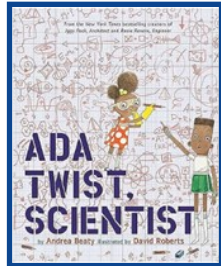


- We dream big
- We follow instructions and are responsible
- We communicate clearly
- We value learning
- We are Artists, Mathematicians, Authors, Historians, Scientists etc.

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

Children have already made an excellent start to this term by demonstrating great focus as they settle back into learning. They have been shining brightly as they carefully listen to their teachers and peers and have responded to the familiar routines with pride.

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



Our Learning

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:

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/


I am 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.



I am a Scientist
As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will construct our own simple circuits and investigate conductors and insulators.



I am a Designer
As a designer, we will be researching how clothes work. We will then design, make and construct our own.



Year 4 - Term 4
This term, we will be focusing on being a Geographer.



I am an Author
This term as authors we are studying the book 'She's Got This' by Joy Malone. 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 Mathematician
As a mathematician this term, we will be finishing our multiplication and division and with a particular focus on formal methods. Then, moving on, we look at area of a shape and coordinates.



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.



I am an Artist
In PE this term, we will be focussing on the creative song. We will identify differences in movements and expression.

Year 4 Homework Menu Term 4			
Starters	<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 TTSP!</p> 
Main	<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> 
Dessert	<p>Write a book review of your reading book. Why do you like it?</p> 	<p>Research artists Glen Alpis 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> 


Term 3 Lower School Open Door Day



When? Friday 12 January 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.



February 2023

Dear Parents,

Here is information for Year 4.

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

- PE:** 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 move up a level based on their score. The children are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 20% to move 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 raffle 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 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.
 - PE:** 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/or 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.

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 February	St Clare's Night for World Book Day
Wednesday 15 March	World Book Day
Friday 9 March 08:00-09:00	Lower School Open Day
Monday 17 February - Friday 8 March	World Book Week
Monday 19 - Friday 17 March	Traveling Book Fair
Monday 12 - Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	CLT Big Day of Maths
Thursday 22 March 10:00-10:00	Parents' and Carers' Evening
Thursday 28 March 10:00-10:00	Parents' and Carers' Evening (subject to follow)
Friday 12 March	Last Day of Term 4

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Progressive Sports Enrichment

This year's PE enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 take place 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 Curling sessions!



See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 3.

Year Group	Date
Year 1	Week 2: Monday 8 January 2024
Year 2	Week 3: Monday 15 January 2024
Year 3	Week 4: Monday 22 January 2024
Year 4	Week 5: Monday 29 January 2024

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

Playground Resources

We'd like to use this opportunity to thank our wonderful and supportive Friends of King's Oak group for helping us fund some new playground equipment that will further enrich our curriculum. Our children have really enjoyed exploring the maps and have been having thrilling discussions about home countries, travel and prior learning while playing with their friends. We can't wait to use these in our upcoming History and Geography lessons.



Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	2-5	Choir	Lower School	3:00 – 4:00	Miss Palmer-Turk
Monday	R-2	Create & Explore	KS1 playground/hall	3:00 – 4:00	Sporting Chance After School Clubs
Tuesday	2-6	Gymnastics	LS Hall	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-3	Multisports	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Thursday	1-3	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

Important dates	
Wednesday 3 January	First Day of T3
Tuesday 9 January	Y3 Swimming Lesson
Friday 12 January	Open Door Day 8.25am – 8.50am
Friday 12 January	YR Welly Walk
Tuesday 16 January	Y3 Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 23 January	Y3 Swimming Lesson
Friday 26 January	YR Welly Walk
Monday 29 January	Y1 The Bristol Zoo Project Trip
Tuesday 30 January	Y3 Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 6 February	Y3 Swimming Lesson
Friday 9 February	YR Welly Walk
Friday 9 February	Last Day of T3
Monday 19 February	First Day of T4




Sporting Chance
 PE & Sports Provision

Mondays 3-4pm - Reception - Y2: Create & Explore Club
 Tuesdays 310-410pm - Y2 - 6: Gymnastics
 Wednesdays 310-410pm - Y1 - 3: Multi-Sports Club
 Thursdays 310-410pm - Y2 - 4: Football Club


 Sign up using their website. Scan the QR code.



Monday Y3-6 3.10pm-4.10pm
KS2 Multi-Sports
 Friday Y5-6 3.10pm-4.10pm
Football Team



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Primary Extra Curricular Clubs
Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,
 Unfortunately, we are no longer able to fund unlimited pupil premium spaces on Sporting Chance clubs due to lack of budget.
 However, the team at Sporting Chance have decided to offer 2 FSM / PP spaces at every club each term with a voucher code. All you need to do is contact Sporting Chance with your child's name - they will then cross reference against the FSM / PP list and send you the code. This will be based on a first come first serve basis to begin with and then allocated fairly over the rest of the year.

Teacher run clubs
 Monday – Y3-6 3.10pm-4.10pm
KS2 Girls Football
 Thursday 3.10pm-4.10pm
Table Tennis Y5-8
 Sign up using sports clubs letter and return to Miss Southcott.