



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

It has been an exciting and joy-filled term already!

Lower School children have continued to impress us by showing our Academy's values of Work Hard, Be Kind both in their lessons and in the wider community and we have enjoyed a number of enrichment events with many still to come.

This term, we have continued to work on our learning gem powers, school values and British Values as we celebrate and mark momentous national and local events.

I hope that you have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend, relaxing with friends and family!

Kind regards,
Miss Cerepanova

Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term's learning gem power:



Topaz Power

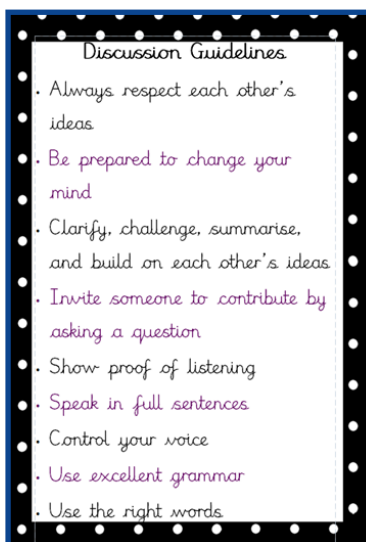
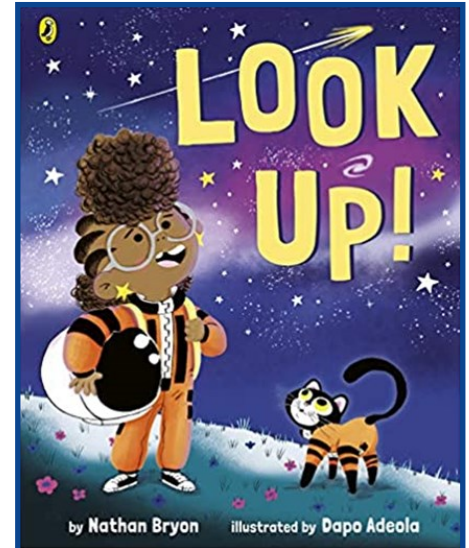
This term's value:



BV: Democracy & Individual Liberty

We have started to explore our termly Gem Power and our termly values both in class and in our assemblies already.

In order to explore curiosity and using our voices clearly to communicate ideas to our friends, we read 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola. This story is about being curious, asking questions and noticing and learning about the world around us.



Children have been encouraged to use our KOA Discussion Guidelines at all times; they have been working on clarifying, challenging, summarising and building on each others' ideas in particular and have been letting that Topaz Power shine brightly!

Date	Event
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 5 July	Move Up Day (transition day)

Our Learning

Thank you for attending our Open Door days over the past couple of terms. 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. Please remember to visit our website for termly learning updates; this is where you can find information such as termly curriculum overviews, additional home learning menus in KS2 and termly class information letters. Links to year group pages are below.

<p>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.</p> 	<p>I am a Scientist As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will construct our own simple circuits and investigate variables and conductors.</p> 	<p>I am a Designer As a designer, we will be researching how bridges 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 will be particular focus on formal methods. This involves on the link of area of a shape and division.</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 Author This term, as authors we are studying the book <i>Here Be Monsters!</i> by Toy Hime. We will read the poem together and then write our own narrative of the story. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about a monster.</p> 
<p>Year 4 - Term 4 This term, we will be focusing on being a Geographer.</p> 		
<p>I am an Athlete In PE this term, we will be focusing on the ancient city. We will identify differences in movements and apparatus.</p> 		

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 ITKS!
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?
Desert	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 Families,

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 receive up to a level based on their score. The children are now being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 200% 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 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 sets.
 - ITKS:** With the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching this year we are encouraging the children to practice their tables at home as much as possible to increase 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 16 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 3 March	World Book Week
Monday 16 - Friday 17 March	Traveling Book Fair
Monday 13 - Friday 17 March	British Science Week
Tuesday 14 March	CUJ Big Day of Maths
Thursday 23 March 10:30-10:50	Parents' and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 16 March 19:00-19:30	Parents' and Carers' Evening (Subject to follow)
Friday 11 March	Last day of Term 4

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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/

Reception Wednesday Welly Walk

Reception children, staff and families enjoyed a wonderful spring Welly Walk last week! They were being scientists and geographers while looking for and exploring signs of spring with their peers and adults. There were many joyful things to spot and Reception children were demonstrating endless Topaz curiosity throughout their walk.



We hope that Spring is firmly on its way now and are hoping to enjoy our next Welly Walk on Wednesday 10 May. As always, all parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to join in!

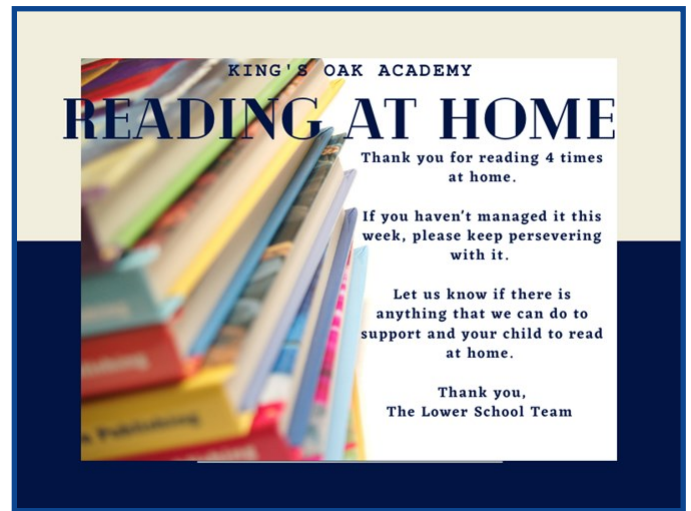
Spring Scavenger Hunt

Why not use your Topaz Power over the Bank Holiday weekend and look for these Spring artefacts, smells and sounds in your local community?



Reading at Home

Thank you for your continued support with home reading. Here are some of our latest lucky Reading Raffle winners who have been reading at least 4 times a week! It is so wonderful to see how confidently our children speak about reading for purpose and pleasure, both at home and in school.



Times Table Rock Stars

Last week, we enjoyed our first Times Table Rock Stars celebration of this term.



Here are our most valuable players of the previous week:



We can't wait to see how you get on with this week's competition!

Year 4 Swimming

We are so proud of our Year 4 swimmers this term. They have been using heaps of Diamond Power (problem-solving), Sapphire Power (focus) and Emerald Power (resilience) to work on their swimming and water safety skills. Year 4 teaching team are all incredibly impressed with the progress they are making already



The King's Coronation



On Friday 5 May, we held a whole-school afternoon of learning about monarchy and the British Values in order to mark our King's coronation. Children studied this event as historians, exploring the concept of monarchy, the royal timeline, symbols and artefacts used during the coronation ceremony and the King himself.

Local parish councillors made an appearance during our celebration assembly to present special Coronation medals and meet our Pupil Councillors.

As these events were held on Friday 5 May, we will be able to update you with photos from our learning and special visits in our next Lower School bulletin.

Please follow BBC Children's Newsround links below should you wish to explore this historic event in more detail.

King Charles's Coronation: Everything we know so far:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/64363584>

Kings Charles's Coronation: Five things to watch out for during the ceremony:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65374553>

Teddy Bears

Teddy bear's Childcare will be offering provision during May Half Term on Thursday 1 June from 8.30am – 4pm.

To book your child a place, contact Cathryn directly on 07760 237 663 or email teddybearschildcare@virginmedia.com.

Please note, on the afternoon of Friday 30 June **ONLY** Teddy Bear's will be closed due to a shortage of staff. Cathryn and her team look forward to seeing everyone on the morning of Monday 3 July.

Visit from Siston Parish Councillors

Councillor Ros Mahoney and Councillor James Hackett from Siston Parish Council visited Lower School for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 5 May. Reception – Year 6 enjoyed the presentation of medals which ran alongside our other celebrations for the day.



See above a lovely photo of the Councillors and children from our ECO Committee and EDI Committee.

Dynamos Cricket

Dear Parents,

We are working alongside the Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation to offer pupils at our school the opportunity to access 'Dynamos Cricket' as an after-school club this summer.

This offer is aimed at 8 to 11-year-olds (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6). **If your child/ children are already attending All Stars at a local club, please continue to do so.** This opportunity is targeting children who wouldn't be able to attend a club session.

The total cost for the 6-week programme that includes a personalised T-shirt that will be delivered to your home address is £40.

All information including dates, times and how to book can be found here- [ClubSpark / Dynamos / Course](#) .

This specific opportunity is only available for pupils at your school. Please note, the maximum number of children for this programme is 24, it will be first come, first served.



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