



# OAK NEWS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Oak Class have had a wonderful week of learning and continue to show a good attitude towards their learning, on the most part. Handwriting continues to be neat although we need to have a big push on ensuring that it is joined as well as using capital letters accurately. Handwriting sheets may be sent home over the next few weeks as additional practise, your support with these would be greatly appreciated.

Character development has been our focus in English. Having created a 'Character Toolkit' initially, we then explored how dialogue can be used as a technique to describe characters by showing not telling how they are feeling. We also considered how actions can be added to further describe how the character feels at that moment in time. The children have also been thinking about synonyms for said to avoid the repetition in their writing.

We have now completed our work on place value, an incredibly important part of the maths curriculum as it underpins so much of the number work. This will be something that we will keep returning to throughout the year. Our focus now turns to the four operations and calculating. Oak Class will continue to use CPA (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract) representations to help them solve calculations and develop a deeper understanding.

In our topic work, Oak Class have conducted their own research into how the Second World War began and used this information to create an informative poster. The children were all confident working in their way, and we will look into how to take effective notes later in the term. They also spent time learning about 'Make do and mend' and considered why this was so important in the 1930's. This will lead nicely onto our art work, which we will be starting in the next few weeks.

## Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – homework due in

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Jacklin

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## Spellings

To be tested on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

October:

innocent

innocence

decent

decency

excellent

excellence

confident

confidence

existent

existence