



P.P.S. Oak Class

April 2022
Summer Term

For the first half of the summer term, our topic will be, '**People who help us in our community**'.

Understanding the World

We have started to think about the people who might help us within Petworth and our local community. This has led to many discussions about vets, doctors, police, shop workers, nurses and many more. We have been finding out about our parents' jobs and the role they play in helping us and keeping us safe.

Each week we will look more in depth at a member of our society and how they can offer help in our community. We have started by finding out about the role of vets, as it is our turn to look after the school animals and will be visited next week by a vet from the local veterinary practice.

We will then move onto the role of a dentist and how we can look after our teeth through healthy eating, visiting the dentist and regular teeth brushing. We will be making our own healthy pizzas using Greek yoghurt and flour for the dough, and topping them with vegetables.

During our final week we will be exploring the role of the fire service and how they can help us in the community. Using non-fiction books, we will be finding out about the many ways in which they help in our community, not just putting out fires!

If you would like to come into school to discuss your job role with Oak Class and how this helps within our community, you would be most welcome. Please speak to Mrs Fogden or Mrs Yates to arrange this.

Forest School

Oak Class thoroughly enjoyed their first session at Forest School and came back wonderfully dirty! We have discussed the rules and boundaries of the Forest School site and how we can help to keep each other safe. We built our own dens and explored making potions using sticks and mud, making sure that we did not pick any flora that was growing.

For the remainder of our sessions, we will be lighting our own small fires, looking out for signs of growth and exploring the stream.





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Phonics

We will be continuing to learn more digraphs, making sure that we can recognise these in words and use them within our writing. We will also be learning some different common exception words (words we cannot blend) to help us read more sentences independently.

We have continued to practise our 'say it, hear it, count it, write it' approach when rehearsing our sentences, before we write them (as discussed in the Phonics workshop), and will use this to write simple sentences, using finger spaces in between our words.

Please continue to hear your child read at least four times a week and practise the sounds on their snail and words on their flower before they read.

Maths

We have been exploring numbers 11—20 and representing these in different ways, including Numicon, tens frames and multilink cubes. Whilst making numberlines to show these numerals, some of them have become mixed up and it has been our job to help put them back into the correct order.

We will then explore doubling and learn that this means having 'twice as many'. We will be doubling using dominoes, small world counters and by folding and printing using paint.

P.E.

We will continue to take part in gymnastics sessions with Vicky until 10th May. We will then continue to have P.E. on a Tuesday with Mrs Fogden and will carry on practising our balancing, rolling and moving using different apparatus. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times in case they need to change into it for other reasons.

Ideas for home

Below are some ideas of activities that you might like to try at home with your child. If you complete any of them, please bring them in so we can share them with the rest of the class, or take a photo and upload it to Tapestry.

- When you walk around Petworth or where you live, look out for people and places that might be able to help you, for example the lollipop lady. How do they help you and keep you safe?
- Talk about 'stranger danger' and what to do in an emergency situation.
- Use non-fiction books from the library to find out about people who might help in our community and how this might be different from other places in the world.
- Act out different roles of people who help us. You could be a shopkeeper and sell food at home, or write some letters/cards and deliver them to your family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Fogden or Mrs Yates.
