

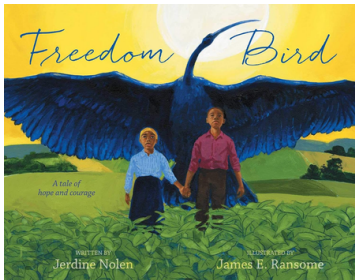


# CLASSROOM NEWS

January 2024

## SPRING TERM:

Welcome back, Oak Class! I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for an amazing new year. The Autumn term saw our pupils working incredibly hard and diving eagerly back into school life. Now, we have a host of new and intriguing topics lined up for this Spring term leading up to Easter. Every bit of learning this term will serve as valuable revision, allowing our pupils to build on their progress so far and prepare for the upcoming SATs in May for Year 6.



**ENGLISH:** Children will be reading and writing about the book *Freedom Bird* by Jerdine Nolen, which tells the story of John and Millicent Wheeler, whose parents were sold as enslaved people and who now live and work on Simon Plenty's North Carolina Plantation. Before being sold, their parents told them stories of how one day their people would fly away to freedom; these are the hopes and dreams that remain alive in their hearts.

## MATHS:

Children in Year 5 will be working closely with fractions then developing their understanding of multiplication and division. Year 6 have started the term by studying ratio and algebra then move onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

**SCIENCE:** We will complete our Out of this World topic with a special visit from a science specialist teacher from Parkside Academy.

**MUSIC:** Oak Class will experience 6 masterclass sessions at King James Academy where we will learn how to play the guitar. (Thursday pm)

**P.E.:** The annual sportshall athletics competition kicked off the term. Our team did brilliantly and scored some massive points! In school we are doing **DANCE** - plimsolls are essential! We are also working on Hockey - improving our attacking and defending skills.

**REMINDER:** PE Kit is only to be worn on **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.**

SPELLING TEST: Wednesday

HOMEWORK: To be handed in on Tuesday