

KSI: Fir and Oak – Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term! We hope you had a restful break.

In English this week the children wrote some fantastic Bonfire Night poetry.

In Topic:

- Science – We became detectives this week and looked at the characteristics animals have and how we use these to identify them.
- Creative Arts – D&T – This week we have been looking at where our food comes from.
- RE – We discussed what Christmas means to us and what Christmas means to Christians, and if there were any similarities or differences.
- PE – Indoor Dance, The Secret Garden and outdoor, invasion games.
- Music – Have a rest! (What is a 'rest' in a piece of music?)

History – beginning our remarkable people project, looking at famous explorers.

In Maths:

Year 1...

We focused on part-whole models and how they can help us learn to subtract.

Year 2...

We have been focusing on adding and subtracting multiples of 10.

Important Messages/Dates: Homework – more information overleaf...

✨ Homework Project – Who has left a mark on our world? ✨

We are finishing our topic and it's time to make a special piece of work to show what you have learned!

You can choose how you want to do it. Pick the idea that excites you most:

Artwork – Draw, paint, or make a picture about someone who changed the world.

Portrait – Create a picture of an important person from history or today.

World picture – Show how people can make the world a better place.

Fact file – Write some facts about an activist, inventor, explorer, or leader.

Your choice! – You might have your own amazing idea.

Be creative, have fun, and show us what you've learned.

Please bring your work back to school by **Friday 12th December** so we can share it together.

Parent Guidance for Homework:

As we come to the end of our topic, "Who has left a mark on our world?", we would like the children to complete a special piece of work at home to celebrate their learning. This will be their signature, Take Care piece, to show how they understand the way important people have made a difference in the world. Your child can choose how they would like to present their work, depending on their interests and abilities.

Some ideas from previous years include:

- Creating a piece of artwork inspired by someone who has changed the world
- Drawing or painting a portrait of an inspirational person
- Designing a world picture to show how people can make a positive mark on our planet
- Making a simple fact file or profile about an activist, inventor, explorer, or leader who has influenced the world (examples...).
- Any other Beyond Expectation, creative way your child would like to showcase their ideas!

Please help and encourage your child to choose a format that they will enjoy and feel proud of. This is a chance for them to share what they have found most interesting in our topic, and to celebrate their creativity.

Finished pieces should be returned by **Friday 12th December** so we can create a special class display of their work.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to reflect on how people, past and present, have left their mark on the world.

