

## KSI: Fir and Oak – Weekly Newsletter



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We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. The children have really enjoyed telling us about all the exciting things they have been up to, as well as the times they spent simply relaxing! They have returned to school settled, happy, and eager to learn. We have a busy term ahead, full of exciting activities and opportunities for learning.

### English

Our Talk for Writing focus this term is the story of *Pirate Tom*, a “rags to riches” tale. The children have already learned the story really well and have thoroughly enjoyed acting it out, they make very convincing pirates! We will be exploring other “rags to riches” stories, looking closely at the characters’ feelings and how their fortunes change throughout the story. The children will also be focusing on improving their writing by editing and refining their own work.

### Topics:

**Science:** In Science, we have begun our topic on habitats. We have started by recapping what the children learned earlier in the year and will now be exploring this in more depth.

We will be learning about microhabitats and looking closely at what animals need to survive in different environments.

**Computing:** We will be looking at animated story books

**RE:** in RE, we are focusing on stories from the Bible. This week, we have been learning about belonging, exploring how we belong and what Christians believe.

**Music:** This term, we are focusing on exercise rhythms as part of our learning. This builds on the work we have done previously to develop a strong sense of rhythm in the children.

### Humanities:

In History, we have begun our topic on *Monarchy*. We will be exploring the reigns of kings and queens in England and how the role of the monarch has changed over time.

This week, the children have been learning about the power of the monarchy, from William the Conqueror, who was seen as all-powerful and able to make his own rules, to the constitutional monarchy we have today, where the monarch’s powers are limited.

We look forward to continuing this topic and helping the children develop a deeper understanding of The Monarchy over time.

### In Maths:

**Year 1:** Multiplication and division.

In Maths, Year One have started their block on *multiplication and division*. This week, the children have been learning about the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. They have been focusing on recognizing equal groups and understanding how multiplication is a way of counting groups of the same size.

**Year 2:** Fractions

In Year 2, we have started our block on *fractions*. The children have been learning about equal and unequal parts and beginning to recognize halves.

### Important Messages/Dates::

In Year 1, we have begun looking at *alien words* and have continued to practise the Phase 5 phonemes we have learned in real words, in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June.

Alien words are made-up words used to assess children’s ability to apply their phonics knowledge to unfamiliar vocabulary. This helps to ensure they are confidently using their decoding skills.

We have uploaded some supporting sheets to the school website to help your children practice at home,

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. The children are all very motivated and are enjoying working towards earning their bookmarks.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.