



The half term comes to an end and it seems like yesterday that it was the first day in September. Every week we tell you about what has happened across the school and the exciting wide curriculum your children experience at Old Oak.



Harvest Festival assembly

*But we need to remember that during the day your child will have received intensive support in English and Maths which are of course so important. Your child will have written something every day; they have developed their understanding of grammar and how it helps their writing; and they have learnt the number system in maths and how numbers relate to each other. To help with this, please read **every night** with your child – listen to them read and read with them. Get story CDs from the library or online stories to listen to and then talk about the story.*

For maths, make sure the children learn their times tables and practise simple equations with them. Look on the website for the Out and About postcards to practise maths out of school - <http://www.oldoakprimary.co.uk/Mathematics>. A little and often really helps.

I hope next week you have time to enjoy the free events that London has to offer- the museums, parks and special half term activities. Check the What's On diary for more information.

I hope you have a great week off and see you on Monday 29th October.

Mr. Brown

TWITTER- SIGN UP TODAY!

The school now has a **Twitter account**. Twitter is a free app for your phone or tablet which can send you updates from the school quickly and keep you up to date with what has happened in school. **You can download the app free today, and search Old Oak Primary School**. There are already some examples of events in school this week. The Twitter account is an addition to the newsletter but with pictures and you don't have to wait until the end of the week to see it! Sign up today! Also let us know if you want to join the PTA WhatsApp group.

UNIFORM

Thank you for making sure your child is neat and tidy for school every morning. We are looking into changing suppliers for our uniform and improving the quality of the clothes. We will keep you informed. Please ask us for lost property- there are lots of washed school sweatshirts and fleeces in the school, which must belong to someone.

WE DO NOT ALLOW ANYTHING WITH NUTS IN THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN WITH ANY FOOD THAT CONTAINS NUTS.

LEARNING THIS WEEK IN CLASSES

Each week we will let you know about some of the learning in class so you can talk about this with your child. All children have begun a new class reading book this week. Ask them about this and what has happened so far.

Class	Learning
Nursery	We have made a beautiful display for Remembrance day and learnt all about Grasshoppers.
Peach and Rowan	We have been reading <i>Stanley's Sticks</i> and we visited the Scrubs for our Autumn walk
Olive	We have compared numbers of objects using more than and less than and written sensory poems about penguins
Maple	We are counting in steps of 2,3 and 5 from 0 and in tens from any given number forward and backward and performed team dances using a combination of movement patterns
Hazel	We have rewritten the story of the <i>Robot and the Bluebird</i> and made our nests at home and brought them into school
Laurel	We have been writing wonderful pieces setting the scene of the Great Fire of London and been dividing objects into equal groups.
Magnolia	We have been using similes and personification in a description and counting backwards (through zero)
Sycamore	We have been learning roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and can set a scene through shared writing
Willow and Elm	We have been writing a persuasive argument and using a bar model to represent addition
Hawthorn and Plum	We have been researching tawny owls, looking for information and ways to present this attractively

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 29th October – School begins again

Tuesday 30th October – Music lessons begin in the afternoons for each class

Wednesday 31st October – After school clubs will continue

Wednesday 31st October – Whole school assembly

Friday 2nd November – Visit to the school from the Director of Education in Hammersmith and Fulham

Wednesday 7th November – Willow class assembly at 10.15am in the lower hall

Wednesday 7th November – Visit from the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher of St Thomas Primary School in East Sussex