

Meet the Teacher

Maple Class

Please help yourself to handouts.

- Year 3 / 4 reading spine
- Year 3 / 4 spelling list



Classes and Staff

Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2) – Y3 and Y4

Lime (Y3) – Mrs Cooper

Maple (Y3/4) – Miss Patterson

Poplar (Y4) – Mrs Visegradi and Mr Stanway (Monday)

Mrs Ferdous, Ms Vazir, Miss Aslett, Mrs Shabbir and Mrs Nardelli will be working across LKS2.





Curriculum



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CYCLE A	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2
TOPIC	Volcanoes	Romans
POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL VISITS	Swimming Year 4 Freshwater Theatre Company Volcano and Earthquake workshop St Albans Museum	
ENGLISH	Letters (Mrs Larue) Poetry – Haiku, shape poetry and Cinquains (Volcanoes) Scene description (Up)	Diary Entry (The Day I Swapped my Dad for a Goldfish – Hamilton Trust) Myths and legends (Romans)
DESTINATION READER	The Iron Man, The Iron Woman, The Firework Makers Daughter, Meet the Ancient Romans	
MATHEMATICS	Based on White Rose Maths Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division & Area (Year 4)	
SCIENCE	Light and Shadows	Food and Our Bodies
HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY	Volcanoes Romans	
COMPUTING	Connecting computers	Audio production
RE	Diwali - Hinduism Christmas - Christianity	
PSHE	Being Me	Celebrating Difference
MUSIC	Composition and listening	
ART	Mosaics (collage and digital) and Oil Lamps (3D) Christmas Wrapping Paper (printing)	
PE	Swimming/netball and outdoor games	Swimming/dance and tag rugby
D & T	Levers and Linkages – Boudicca's chariot	
LANGUAGES	Phonics Lesson 1 and 2 I'm learning French	Seasons

Timetable example:

	8.45-8:55	9:00 – 9:15	9:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 10:45	10:50 – 11:40	11:40 – 12:00	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 1:15	1:30 – 2:15	2:15 - 3:00	3.00-3.15
Monday	Grammar/Punctuation/Editing	PB Assembly	Maths 10:15 - Spelling	BR EA K	English	Destination Reader	LUN CH	Maths Fluency	Geography/ Science	French/RE	Class Novel
Tuesday	Spellings	OPAL/class behaviour assembly. 2-week rota	Maths		English	Destination Reader		PE (till 1:50) Maths Fluency	Music/ Comprehension Skills	Class Novel	
Wednesday	Grammar/Punctuation/Editing	Singing Assembly	Maths 10:15 - Spelling		English	Destination Reader		Maths Fluency	Science/ Geography	RE/ French	Class Novel
Thursday	Grammar/Punctuation/Editing	Values Assembly	Maths Fluency/ Year 3 Skills		PE /Times Table Revision			Maths	Computing	Class Novel	
Friday	Spellings	Celebration Assembly	Maths		English	Destination Reader		Maths Fluency	Art	PSHE	Class Novel

Updated Homework Policy



- Based on feedback from parent/teacher surveys last year, there has been an update to the homework policy.
- **Homework will now be set on Google Classroom on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.**
- Please write any notes you have on your child's Google Classroom.

Daily reading

Daily TTRS

Weekly spellings

MyMaths

1 weekly foundation subject task



Communication
is key

Multiplication Tables



End of year expectation for Year 3:

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

End of year expectations for Year 4:

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables. There will be a standardised multiplication check at the end of this year.

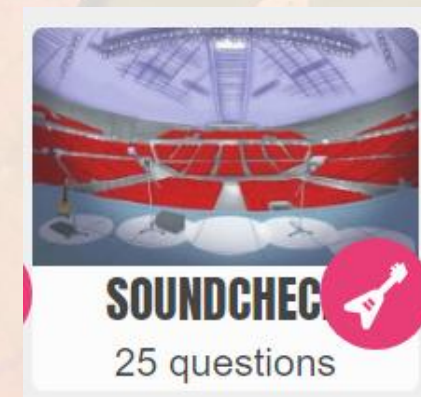
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Multiplication													
X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	0	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	0	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	0	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Multiplication Tables Check

- Start date on the **Monday, 1st June 2025**. We have 2 weeks to administer the test.
- You will receive your child's results in their end of year report.
- 25 questions
- 6 seconds to answer each question
- 5 seconds between each question
- Adjustments for SEND (not additional time)



Times Table Rockstars

- Your child's login is on their login sheet
- Your child has an 'automatic' account
- 'Soundcheck' first time

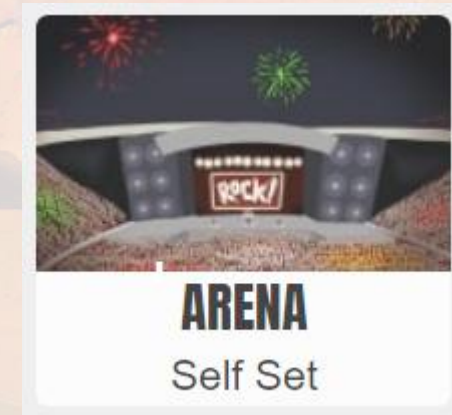
How does it work?

Learners play in the Garage or the Arena and begin with the first set of questions (1x10 up to 4x10). When they can answer at a rate of 20 per minute, the next set of questions are introduced. As learners progress, commutativity, missing number questions and division facts are brought in. So the first 3 levels, look like this:

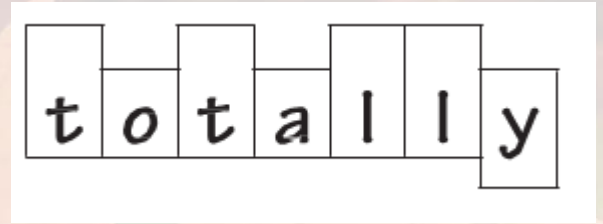
Level 1 : 1x10 to 4x10

Level 2 : 10x1 to 10x4

Level 3 : A mix of 1 and 2



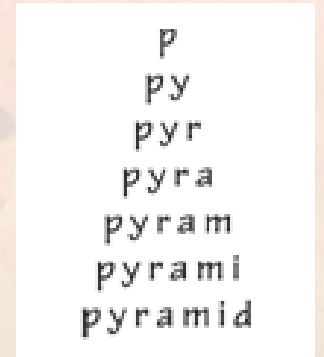
Spelling at Oakwood - No Nonsense Spelling



Spellings will be given out on a Friday, taught throughout the following week and tested on the next Monday.



Spellings will include relevant topic words, high frequency words or a particular spelling rule or pattern.



Spelling lists will be on Google Classroom

Reading

Aim: for all children to reach each day (aloud / independently)

All children still on a coloured reading band will take a school book home.

Option for free readers to take school books home too.



✓ Promote love of reading



✓ Promote love of reading
✓ Improve writing

Reading spines



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Year 3 Reading list

Fiction

The World According to Humphrey	Betty G Birney
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
The Bee is Not Afraid of Me	Edited by Isabel Gallego and Fran Long
The Accidental Prime Minister	Tom McLaughlin
Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest	Vashti Hardy
The Abominables	Eva Ibbotson
Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet	Zanib Mian
Anisha Accidental Detective	Serena Patel and Emma McCann
Kindletrax	Philip Ridley
I bet I can make you laugh	Joshua Seigal
You're a bad man Mr Gum	A Stanton
The owl who was afraid of the dark	J Tomlinson
The boy in the dress	David Walliams
Charlotte's Webb	E B White
Girl Wonder and the Terrific twins	Malarie Blackman
Too Small Tala	Atinuke
The lost homework	Richard O'Neil
Akissi: Tales of Mischief	Mathieu Sapin
Fangs	Malarie Blackman

Non-fiction

The street beneath my feet	Charlotte Guillan
Choice of a magazine	National Geographic Kids
A Trapezoid is not a Dinosaur	Suzanne Morris
Over and Under the Rainforest	Kate Messner
Fantastically Great Women Series	Kate Pankhurst

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>

PE

Children to come to school in their PE kit on **Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Children stay in their PE kits all day.

Earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Hair should be fully tied up at all times.

No chains/necklaces or bracelets on any day.



Swimming

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 4	Year 4	Year 3

- Swimming will be starting on **Thursday 25th of September** at Westminster Lodge.
- Please label all clothes the children wear. Have long hair tied back. If possible, no tights.
- **Please bring: swimming bag, swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat, a towel and a healthy snack.**
- Goggles are optional but advised.



Exciting opportunities



Clothes and equipment named

Water bottles

Healthy snack – fruit or vegetables

Pick up

Meetings after school (arranged through office)

Absences and sickness





Smartphone Free Childhood

Following an overwhelming response to our parent survey just over a year ago, Oakwood have made some changes to support a Smartphone Free childhood.

Reminders:

- Children are not permitted to bring Smartphones to school (children who walk to or from school alone may bring a “dumb” phone).
- Adult Smartphones must be switched off and in bags/pockets during all school events including plays, assemblies, sports days, school visits etc. Where possible, staff will provide opportunities for parents/carers to take photos of their own child/children.

Dates for your diary:

Open Classroom Dates

Tuesday 7th Oct 3:20 – 4pm

Tuesday 3rd Feb 3:20 – 4pm

Friday, 26th September 2025

Freshwater Theatre Co. Volcanoes Workshop

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Verulamium Museum

Thursday, 23rd April 2026 (Year 4 only)

Pizza Express

We are very grateful for any parent volunteers.

You must have attended Mrs Thompson's safeguarding training.

Violins performance

Friday 13th March (afternoon)

LKS2 performance

Thursday 21st May (morning)

Friday 22nd May (afternoon)



Trips, visits and workshops

These are enriching and enjoyable activities that really do enhance learning in the classroom. However, we recognise that they can be expensive and that not everyone may be able to afford them.

Some events are funded by the PTA. For other events, parents make a contribution on a voluntary basis. In the past, we have been able to subsidise the cost where parents have not made contributions. However, due to the tight funds of the school, even if just one person does not contribute, we may have to cancel the event.

If you find yourself unable to pay for a trip/workshop, please come and talk to us, as we may be able to support with alternative funding. We know that times are tight for some and payments can come at the wrong moments.

Trips, visits and workshops also depend on having enough volunteers. We would like to invite you to one of our termly Oakwood Parent Volunteer Briefings, so that you can come in and volunteer at any time.

Thank you!

Modelling road safety and following behaviour rules



There are two zebra crossings from the footpath to the KS2 playground. Please ensure that you and your children use **both** zebra crossings – crossing towards Acorns first and then over to the KS2 playground.

Questions



I am always available for pre-arranged meetings after school on Mondays, Thurs and Fridays.

Quick queries can be asked on the door in the morning or at pick up.

We thank you in advance for all your support this year.