

# Year 4 Newsletter

June 2017

## Showtime

We have been asked by Miss Kelly to put on the best end of year performance Oak Hill has ever seen. To help us achieve this we started the half term by looking at what makes a good performance. We have started to identify features of play scripts and in small groups act out short stories to develop our confidence in speaking out loud in front of an audience. The children were amazing at this and took their parts home that night to learn off by heart and even made props to support their acting. They are all stars in the making! We are now planning a scene involving a dragon to help us write our own play script using the features identified. As part of our work on Showtime, we have also started looking at different festivals from various religions. The children have begun a short art project based on the Hindu festival Holi - the festival of colour. The children will be using what they have found out about this festival to create a series of prints. We cannot wait to see their final products!

Thank you to lots of children who have also bought in presentations on different festivals for their homework. We have really enjoyed sharing these together in class.



## Learning at Home

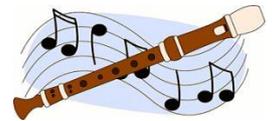
Please continue to support your child with learning their spellings. In school, we look at different strategies to help us spell new words. These include:

- Pyramid words
- Rainbow writing
- Words without vowels
- Drawing around the shape of the word
- Silly sentences



Continue to practise recalling times tables up to 12x12. Start by counting in steps of any given number then challenge yourself to quickly recall facts in and out of order. 'Squibbles' is a brilliant app to children practise these skills.

Recorders - thank you for signing and returning the letters. Children are now able to take their recorders and book home. They can work their way through the different notes and rhythms on the page.



## Think of the Month



This month's think is...



**If both hands fall off a clock, is it still a clock?**

When thinking about your response, think about:

- \*What do you think?
- \*Why do you think it?
- \*Can you give an example?

Answers on the Think board please!

## Dates for the Diary



**Sports Day:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Transition Days:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**End of Year Performance:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon) and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July (morning).

After the performance on Thursday there will be the Year 4 presentation.

More information to follow for purchasing tickets for each performance.

**Year 4 Party:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon)

**Please return all library books by 30<sup>th</sup> June**

## Reminders

PE is on Monday and Tuesday this half term. We are starting to see a significant number of children without kit or with inappropriate PE clothing in school. Please make sure your child has the correct kit so they can take part. As the weather is getting hotter please ensure children have a water bottle in school at all times and their jumpers are clearly named in case of taking them off. Thank you.