

The Oak Oracle

It has been an extremely busy Spring 2 and Oak class have had some fantastic opportunities to extend their learning.

The highlight for the term for the children has to be their weekly swimming lessons at Farleigh School. The children have shown real resilience during these lessons and I have been incredibly impressed (and proud!) of the progress all of them have made. Swimming is such an important life skill and I know that the children have really appreciated the opportunity to develop, improve and have fun with their peers. Thanks again to the PTA, who have helped pay for the transport for this.

We have been working extremely hard in our Maths lessons this term, consolidating our understanding of formal written methods for multiplication and division. Children have continued to improve their efficiency in solving calculations through our arithmetic practices and Year 6 have even grappled with algebra, which was a lot less scary than they thought it was going to be!

In our RE lessons, we have been exploring the concept of 'Salvation'. We reminded ourselves of the Easter story, especially the events after Jesus' death and looked for 'evidence' of Jesus' resurrection in the

gospel of Luke. We then explored the traditions in churches during Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We made comparisons between worships and explored the different emotions that might be felt during Easter Weekend.

We incorporated outdoor learning into our DT unit this term and explored designing and making playground equipment as part of forest school. We began by analysing the playground equipment we had in our school environment, looking at what materials have been used and why and how it has been made. We then learnt how to use paracord to join poles together using clove hitches and lashings. The children worked incredibly well together and were very ambitious in the structures they tried to create as playground equipment.

