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10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

To Oak Class Parents / Carers

Dear Parents / Carers

HAPPY NEW YEAR

This term we will be staying close to home by studying Maidstone in topic and looking at some of the Canterbury Tales in Literacy.

In Literacy we will be using the children's version of the Canterbury Tales to inspire our own writing. We will also do some factual pieces on Canterbury cathedral. We have already started talking about the history behind Chaucer's book and the idea of pilgrimages in general. Spelling will be set weekly and used in a dictation the following week.

As mentioned earlier, topic will be about Maidstone and its history. Some children have already started researching the topic by completing the homework assignment and their work is already displayed in class. Thank you for supporting their endeavours.

Art will involve looking at some of the works of Graham Clark - a Maidstone (or more precisely Boughton Monchelsea) artist, and drawing our own pictures in his style.

Numeracy will start with statistics which includes: line graphs, pie charts, timetables and pictograms. Children will learn how to construct them and answer questions about them as well as solving problems and reasoning. Arithmetic will continue on a Monday and will then be set as homework. Please keep on revising times table knowledge. It is needed in almost all numeracy topics.

Evolution and Inheritance will be the new science theme and will start with learning about Charles Darwin and making a fact file all about his life and work. If you wish to provide photos showing how certain family physical resemblances have been passed down through generations that would be really useful. All photos will be treated with care and respect.

Mr Stevens will continue to visit on a Wednesday. Children are encouraged to bring in their own instruments or learn how to play the recorder provided by the school.

Charlton Athletic will also continue to visit every Friday, so please ensure your child has a P.E. kit suitable for any weather.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Miller and Mrs Hopkins

