



Owl Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and a well-deserved rest from the normal school routine. Thank you for the kind and generous Christmas cards, gifts and wishes we received at the end of last term, we are very grateful. It has been lovely to welcome the children to school at the beginning of the spring term. We have had an excellent first few days back, the children seem refreshed and have been so enthusiastic about the learning in the classroom.

Learning in the Spring Term

This half-term the children's learning will focus on History. In our History lessons the children will be learning about the development of medicine. In English the children will learn to write newspaper reports based on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Before the half-term break the children will learn to write narratives based on The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. In Mathematics the children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. Furthermore, the children in Year 6 will be introduced to ratios and algebra. In RE, the children will focus on Hinduism and will discover how questions about Brahman and Atman influence the way Hindus live. In Computing, the children will extend their drawing skills to create 3D models based on using the software SketchUp. In their Art lessons, the children will look at how the Space Race of the 1950s and 1960s influenced art and design. This will inspire the children to create their own artwork through the printmaking process of collagraphy that uses textures to create interesting surfaces within a print. Developing their knowledge in French, the children will learn to: ask and talk about daily routines; talk about times of daily routines; ask and talk about breakfast; and talk about details of a typical day. In PE this half term, the children will complete athletics challenges for distance and time. The children will think about how to achieve their greatest possible speed, height or distance and will aspire to achieve a personal best. While in PSHE the children will learn about the NHS and why it is important to everyone.



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Reading and Homework

Children need to continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind them to record reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records. Please ensure reading records are returned to school as we like to monitor these throughout the week.

On Monday, the children have a times table test - the schedule can be found in their reading records. The children still have access to Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables. It is best to play little and often and certificates are issued to children who improve their 'Rock Status'. Each week, the children receive spellings in their reading records to practice and learn at home. These are based on the spelling patterns and rules we learn in the classroom.

Each week, homework will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and will need to be returned completed on Tuesday. Children in Year 5 receive Mathematics and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation homework, while the children in Year 6 receive Mathematics, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and an additional piece of Comprehension.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day.

PE kits

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates.

Mr Rolfe