



## Owl Class Newsletter

### Spring Term 2 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and the children had a lovely, relaxing half term break and are well rested for the new half term! It has been brilliant to welcome all the children back. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead!

#### Learning in the Spring Term

In **Geography**, the children will be learning about North America, they will be able to name and locate many areas of North America and will be able to describe their physical and geographical features.

In **English**, the children will continue to write narratives based on The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. They will then explore the text, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and will write their own recounts and interviews based on this text.

In **Maths**, the Year 5 children will continue to explore decimals, while the children in Year 6 will move onto learning about Algebra. Later in the term, the children will learn about: measurement, with a focus on converting units; perimeter, area and volume; and statistics.

In **RE** this half term the children, will be visited by Tony Hood who will teach the children Bible stories from the Old Testament through his 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions.

In **Computing**, the children will use editing software to explore various aspects of film-making. The children will use digital devices to record, they will complete pre- and post- production stages, planning good-quality interviews for a documentary and complete the process with use of video editing software.

In their **DT** lessons, the children will complete a unit based on food called 'What could be healthier?' In this unit, the children will: understand where food comes from; what the term healthy means; adapt a traditional recipe and complete a food product.

Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn to: talk about different forms of transport; discuss where they are going and how to get there; talk about plans for a trip; buy tickets at the station.

In **PE** this half term, the children will develop the quality and consistency of their fielding skills and understanding of when to use them such as throwing underarm and overarm, catching and retrieving a ball. They will learn how to play the different roles of bowler, backstop, fielder and batter and to apply tactics in these positions when playing Rounders.

While in **PSHE** the children will learn about the impact of alcohol and drugs can have on an individual.



## Owl Class Newsletter

### **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