



Owl Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of another term, I hope you have a wonderful time over the Easter break and have the opportunity to spend time with your friends and family. We have had a great term at school, the children have worked so hard, and I hope they enjoy a well-deserved break.

Learning in the Spring Term

In **History**, the children will be learning about where the ancient Kingdom of Benin was located and how it came to thrive, what the people there believed in and how they showed this in their artwork. In **English**, the children will write narratives based on 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. They will then explore the text, 'Rants, Reflections and Rage' and will write their own blog based on this text. In **Maths** the children will learn about properties of shapes and position and direction. Later in the term, we will spend some time consolidating mathematical knowledge and understanding and will have time to address gaps in mathematical knowledge. In **Science** the children will build on previous 'Living Things...' units, to help them identify the kingdoms of life and to classify living things within those kingdoms. In **RE** this half term, the children will learn about the resurrection - and how this is important to Christians. In **Computing**, the children will be able to write increasingly complex algorithms for a purpose, using software such as Logo and Python, and will learn to debug quickly and effectively to make a program more efficient. In their **Art** lessons, the children will complete a unit called 'Make My Voice Heard'. The children will explore art with a message, children will look at the famous 'Guernica' by Picasso and the confronting works of Kathe Kollwitz. Through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, pupils create their own artworks. Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn to: talk about the sports they like; say what they think of different sports; give reason for preference; and talk about sporting events. In **PE** this half term, the children will develop their racket skills when playing tennis. They learn specific skills such as a forehand, backhand, volley and underarm serve. While in **PSHE** the children will learn about what changes happen to our bodies as we grow.



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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 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.

On Friday afternoon, homework is handed out 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.

PE kits

PE will be on 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. On Mondays, the children will visit Diss Swim Centre for swimming lessons taught by a swimming instructor. These will begin on Monday 24th of April with the final lesson on Monday 17th July. A letter has been sent home with the relevant information and requirements but if you have any questions please let me know.

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