



Owl Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2

Dear parents/carers,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final half term of the academic year. The children have had an excellent term to date and this half term is packed with enjoyable activities to celebrate the end of the school year. This includes the visit to the Thorpe Woodlands, Year 6 Transition Days to Thurston and Ixworth, Sports Day, the Martineaus' Summer Picnic and the Owl Class Production of Wind in The Willows.

Learning in the Summer Term

In **Geography**, the children will continue to learn about Nigeria and will focus on comparing modern day Nigeria with the UK.

In **English**, the children will continue to explore the text, 'Rants, Reflections and Rage' and will write their own blog based on this text. In the final weeks of the term, the children will write a final narrative based on Thornhill by Pam Smy.

In the final weeks of the term, we will be consolidating knowledge and understanding in **Maths** and focusing on gaps in mathematical knowledge.

In **Science** the children will explore many different types of forces, enabling them to understand the different natural and applied forces in existence.

In **RE** this half term, the children will learn how the term Humanism is used to describe a non-religious view; its supporters seek to live good lives without religious or superstitious beliefs.

In **Computing**, the children will continue to write increasingly complex algorithms for a purpose, using software such as Python.

In their **DT** lessons, the children will complete a textile unit. They will learn to: mark and cut fabric accurately, in accordance to a design; sew a strong running stitch; and attaching objects using threads.

Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn to: identify places; discuss different forms of transport; discuss immediate future plans; describe people and their clothes; and order food in a café.

In **PE** this half term, the children will develop their skills in the team sport handball. They will learn: the rules of the game; how to catch and pass the ball; how to dribble; how to defend; and how to shoot in a variety of ways.

While in **PSHE** the children will continue to 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 Maths and Grammar and Punctuation homework, while the children in Year 6 receive Maths, Grammar and Punctuation and an additional piece of Comprehension.

PE kits

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesdays** this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. On Mondays, the children will continue to visit Diss Swim Centre for swimming lessons taught by a swimming instructor. The final lesson will be on Monday 17th July 2023.

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