



Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so pleased to be joining the school this year and looking forward to working with all of your children. We have a busy term ahead of us, and lots of exciting learning to look forward to.

Our Learning:

In **English**, we will begin the year with a Science Fiction text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce; we will be looking at aspects of narrative texts.

We start the year in **Maths**, as we do every year, with place value and then move onto the four main operations - honing our skills from earlier learning.

Science begins in the Autumn term with 'How do humans change over their lifetime?' - building on their previous knowledge.

Our **History** is based around finding out about the challenges faced by Harriet Tubman, an American abolitionist and social activist, working on antislavery.

In **Art**, we will be developing our drawing skills, concentrating on drawing buildings and looking at architecture.

RE, is focussed on Christianity at the start of the term - discovering why the gospel is such good news for Christians.

We will initially be learning about online safety in **Computing** and discovering how to keep ourselves, and others safe.

PSHE will concentrate on how our choices of food and drink can keep us healthy.

In our French unit this half term, we will learn to ask people about their families, and how to reply about our own.

For **PE** this term, the children will be swimming (Monday mornings) and working on netball skills (Tuesday afternoons).



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Reading and Homework:

Children need 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 brought into school on a daily basis, as we like to monitor these throughout the week.

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. They should complete the: look, say, cover, write, check and then write each word into a well-structured sentence.

On Friday afternoon, homework is handed out - this should be returned complete the following Wednesday.

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** this term - children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE day.

On Mondays, the children will be visiting Diss Swim Centre for swimming lessons, which are taught by a swimming instructor. The children may come to school wearing their PE kit on these days to make changing easier.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries about the above information - I look forward to meeting you all.

Regards Mrs P. Summerhayes