



## Owl Class Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a busy first half term, the class are all settled and ready for a full and fun packed run up to Christmas.

Our Learning:

In **English**, we will be writing a non-chronological report about *The Origin of the Species* - a children's version of the Charles Darwin book, which has been written and illustrated by Sabina Radeva.

**Maths** this half term will be moving onto Fractions - learning about equivalence and their links to percentages and decimals as well as the four main operations. The term will conclude learning about area, perimeter and volume - with some work on coordinates in the run up to Christmas.

Our **Science** will be linked to the English work we are doing, we will be finding out about how humans have evolved over time - Darwin's theories of evolution.

**Geography** will be about discovering how natural resources are distributed and why it is important to protect this for our future generations - building on our work on Greta Thunberg last half term.

Our **DT**, running up to Christmas, will be looking at structures and designing playgrounds. The children will design and create some models of playground equipment.

**RE** will be a study of Islam, discovering what the Qur'an reveals to Muslims about Allah and his guidance.

**PSHE** will concentrate on why equality is important for building a fairer world.

In **Computing**, we will be looking at strategic searching online - making sure that we are keeping ourselves safe.



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**French** this half term will be learning how to describe and express opinions about food.

### **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.

Their **reading record books are checked every Friday**, when the children with 7 reads in a week will receive a certificate in assembly and a raffle ticket to give them the chance to win a book.

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'.

### **Spellings:**

Each week, the children receive spellings to practice and learn at home. They should write each word in 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, 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 can you check that your child's swimming hat is intact, as we have had a number of children without a suitable hat - the pool will not let them swim without a hat.

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.

Regards Mrs P. Summerhayes