



Owl Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a restful Christmas and wishing you all a very Happy New Year. The start of the Spring term brings a busy time for us all, and the beginning of the build up towards the year 6 SATs - the week beginning Monday 13th May.

In **English** we will be starting the term writing adventure stories, based on the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We will then move onto writing persuasive letters, stemming from an Anglo-Saxon battle speech.

We will continue to work on comprehension skills weekly and build on our knowledge of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Maths will start with a recap of place value and negative numbers. We will be covering time, multiplication -including its use in calculating area and volume, and using division to help us solve problems. As a follow on to our coordinate work just before Christmas, we will be describing translations and carrying out reflections in the axis.

We start this half term with **History** finding out about why the Vikings invaded England.

Our topic for **Science** is Light. We will be discovering how light travels and the impact that it has on what we see.

Our **Art**, this half term will be Sculpture and 3D Interactive Installations - the children will be discovering what installation art is and producing some of their own.

RE is based on the Hindu religion. We will be finding out about the spiritual pathways to Moksha written about in the Hindu scriptures.

In **PSHE** we will learning about how we can respect all people and avoid stereotypes.

Computing will be based around 2 and 3D modelling.

For **French** we will be extending our learning, finding out how to talk about holidays and what activities this can involve.



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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 ensure that their reading record books have been initialled before they bring them in.

Reading record books are checked every Friday - the children with 7 reads in a week will receive a certificate in assembly. They also receive a raffle ticket to give them the chance to win a book.

Spellings:

Each week, the children receive spellings to 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 the back of the sheet.

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

Children in Year 5 receive Maths and spelling homework, while the children in Year 6 receive Maths, spelling and an additional piece of reading comprehension.

Homework for year 6 may vary in the run up to SATs, but is designed to support them through their tests.

PE kits:

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday this term - children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE day.

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