



Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I trust everyone has had a lovely half-term break and is refreshed and ready to go again. This half-term will be busy, as always, though there will be plenty of fun in the lead up to Christmas!

Our Learning:

In **English**, the children will be continuing to learn to write journals based on Mars Transmissions, before moving on to studying narrative poetry based on The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.

In **Maths**, the children will be spending the majority of the half-term securing a sound understanding of fractions.

In **Humanities**, the children's learning will be Geography focused. Our topic this half-term focuses on Shackleton's exploration of Antarctica.

The children will learn about the importance of the heart in **Science**, as well as learning about other areas of health.

In **RE**, the children will focus on the religion of Islam. Specifically learning how tawhid creates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community.

In **Computing**, there will be a strong focus around online safety.

In their **DT** lessons, the children will have the opportunity to make a pop-up book.

The 'En Ville' unit in **French**, will teach the children to ask for directions and say where they are going in town.

In **PE** this half-term, the children will develop skills in handball and gymnastics.



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Reading and Homework

In UKS2 it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind your children to log all of their reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records when they have read. Please ensure that reading records are returned to school on a daily basis.

Each week, homework will be sent home on a Wednesday afternoon and will need to be returned completed on Tuesday. Children in both Year 5 and Year 6 receive Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation homework.

Times tables will continue to be a focus in UKS2. Please encourage the children to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day.

PE kits

PE will continue to be on Thursday and Friday this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

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. The children have made an excellent start to the term and I have no doubt that this will continue.

Mr Smith