



## Owls Newsletter Term 1



**Welcome back!** I hope you all had a wonderful summer!

There are some new changes to our weekly schedule this year. P.E. will be taught on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings. The expectation is the same as last year so please ensure children bring their PE kit in on these days in order to change before their lesson. The full timetable will be available on our website and will be shared during the 'Meet the Teacher' session with parents in the first term.

Please continue to support your children to learn their KIRFs (key instant recall facts) in mathematics as well as encouraging them to read regularly and complete any homework tasks.

Homework will be handed out on Wednesday to be handed in on the following Tuesday.

### Mathematics

#### Place value

- Ordering numbers
- Rounding Numbers
- Negative numbers

#### Addition and Subtraction

#### Multiplication and division

#### Factors and multiples

### English

We will begin this term with a narrative unit based on a story by Anthony Browne called 'The Tunnel'.

We will then work on our non-fiction skills by writing both a newspaper report and a postcard linked to the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

We will also have spelling and grammar lessons in which we will explore the technical aspects of writing.

Our reading sessions will be using the VIPERS approach, providing the children with a solid range of comprehension skills.

### Science: Electricity

We will be learning about the following aspects of electricity:

- The brightness of a bulb is associated with the voltage.
- Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function.
- Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
- Construct simple series circuits.
- Be able to answer questions about what happens when they try different components, for example: switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors.

### Art: Craft and design: Photo opportunity

Children will explore creative photographic techniques, creating new images through photomontage, understanding photorealistic self-portraits, and applying digital photography to art design, enhancing their skills in composition and editing.



## History – How have crime and punishment changed over time?

We will be learning about crime and punishment over time and will be covering these objectives:

- To understand how and why laws and punishments change over time.
- To explain how attitudes towards crime have changed over time.
- To understand how and why the police force has changed over time.
- To understand that views on what is a punishment have changed over time.
- To understand how and why attitudes towards the suffragettes have changed over time.
- To share our knowledge about the changes in Crime and Punishment.

## Music

This term we will be exploring Indonesian music. Children will discover the features of gamelan music including the Slendro scale and cyclical rhythmic patterns, identifying traditional gamelan instruments, learning about the concept of an octave, exploring how different timbres are used in gamelan music.

## RE

### Hinduism – Why do Hindus try to be good?

Owl Class will be deepening their knowledge of Hinduism this term. They will identify and explain Hindu beliefs about life, death and rebirth and make clear connections between Hindu beliefs about dharma, karma, samsara and moksha and ways in which Hindus live.

## RSHE - Me and my relationships

We will be working through a range of activities to support children in their relationships with themselves and others. These includes lessons on:  
Collaboration Give and Take  
How good a friend are you? Relationship Cake Recipe  
Our emotional needs Being assertive

## Computing

The children will be working on two units. The first on 'Online Safety' where they will be exploring their digital footprint and thinking about their screen time.  
The second will be 'Databases' where they will be creating a database about a chosen topic.

## French - Presenting Myself

By the end of this unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to present themselves both orally and in written form in French. In this unit pupils focus on asking questions as well as providing accurate replies.

## PE

On Tuesday afternoons, Owls will be working on their tag rugby skills whilst on Friday mornings they will focus on multi skills such as agility, balance, coordination games.

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