

Owls Newsletter Term 2



Term 2

Welcome back, everyone! Let's make Term 2 just as brilliant as Term 1!

As in Term 1, Miss Deighton and I will be working together to ensure that Key Stage 2 have the best possible learning opportunities. This includes the teaching of DT, Music and PE as a whole Key Stage 2 cohort.

PE will be changing this term to two sessions on a Friday, one with Miss Deighton and one with Up and Under. Whilst we will not have Miss Herbert every Thursday, we are looking forward to welcoming her back for some winter sporting events.

Homework will begin in Week 2 and will continue to be sent home on Wednesdays to be handed in the following Tuesday. This will include activities such as spelling work, maths questions and grammar tasks. Work sent home is always purposeful and therefore will be sent home most weeks but there may be occasions where research tasks are set instead.

Mathematics

In maths this term, the Year 5s be studying the following topics:

- **Decimals**
- **Addition and Subtraction**
- **Powers of 10**

The Year 6s will be focusing new learning from the topics above as well as:

- **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**
- **Multiplication and Division**

English

We will be focusing on linking our writing this term with our science topic on space and the solar system.

We will begin by exploring the style of biographies and then applying this knowledge into writing our own on key scientific figures. We will then move onto exploring and immersing ourselves in poetry.

Science – Out of this world!

In this topic, children learn about space. Starting with the Solar System, they look next at how ideas about space have changed over time before they explore what causes us to experience night and day on Earth.
We will explore aspects like the movement of the Earth and other planets along with developing our scientific enquiry skills.

DT - Slippers

This unit offers Owls opportunities to design, make prototypes, sew and evaluate a pair of slippers. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will develop their ability to work towards a design brief as well as improve their sewing skills.

History – Journeys

This term, Owls will be focusing on the broad topic of why people throughout history have gone on journeys. They will explore various objectives, including:

- To know and understand why people undertake journeys.
- To know and understand why Walter Raleigh made voyages of exploration in Tudor times.
- To know and understand why the Irish 3rd class passengers travelled on the Titanic.
- To know and understand why the Kindertransport took place.
- To know and understand why people travelled on the Empire Windrush.
- To know and understand why refugees risk their lives making journeys today.

Music – Pentatonic Scale

Owls will be learning about the features of the traditional folk music of China. They will learn how to play, write and perform a pentatonic melody along with performing a group composition.
As well as exploring this topic, we will also be learning songs for our school nativity.

RE – Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?

In this unit, Owls will explore the life and teachings of Jesus, to find out why he has had such a global impact. Connecting with the concept of 'Gospel' – that Jesus brings 'good news' – we will look at some of the record of his actions and words. This means examining the gospels, the source texts in the New Testament, interpreting the texts and noting their context in the Bible.

French – Christmas

Owls will be exploring the theme of Christmas in French this term. They will be learning a Christmas song and writing a letter to Father Christmas telling him what presents they would like for Christmas. We will also learn how people in France celebrate Christmas.

Computing

The children will be starting the term with some work on online safety. They will then move on to develop their word processing skills.

RSHE – Keeping Myself Safe

We will be exploring topics such as click bait, medicines and other drugs, alcohol and the laws surrounding these.