## **Owls** Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2022, Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an amazing Festive season and New Year and managed to stay healthy. Term 3 has lots of activities to capture the children's interests, and this will be extended if they complete some additional activities in the Home Learning grid.

#### English:

Our English genre is adventure stories; after identifying the elements of adventure stories and learning a model text to heart, children will 'magpie' some ideas in order to write their own. They will have a focus on using higher level vocabulary and developing the adventure plot in their work. **Maths**:

Children will still continue to dip into multiplication and division because it is such an important strand needed for all mathematical work. They will also recap numbers bonds and develop instant recall of bonds within 100, eg 69 + 31. This knowledge will be used in context during work on length, perimeter and area, as well as fractions.

#### Theme 1:

Our first theme is exploring the surrealist artist **Salvador Dali**, and the meanings of some of his most famous work. They will also learn about the influence of <u>Pablo</u> *Picasso* when he introduced colour and collage to <u>Cubism</u>. Pupils will explore and interpret their own imaginative composition that demonstrates surrealist influences.

## Woodland WEDNESDAYS

Activities this term will include den building, team building, orienteering, and creating objects using natural objects.

## RE:

# Our Big Question is – What kind of world did Jesus want?

Pupils will deepen their understanding about how Christians believe Jesus challenges people on how to live through his Gospels. Pupils will also think more about how Christians put Jesus' teachings and examples into practice in everyday life.

#### Music:

Each lesson starts with a voice warm up and singing. Children are continuing to learn the recorder/read music incl beats, staves.

#### Theme 2:

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Theme is Design Technology and incorporates an element of computing. Pupils will design, make and evaluate their own product for a specific user using recycled resources, and design a new logo on the computer.

They could begin saving recycled objects to use!

#### PE: TUESDAYS

This term, it's <u>gymnastics</u>. Children wear full PE kits to school please (**blue bottoms**, **white/blue top**, **school sweatshirt and trainers/plimsolls**). Miss Griggs will lead PE, supported by Mrs Lee & Owls team.

#### Computing:

Pupils will learn the common instructions in **Logo** and how to type them. They will also learn how to follow and write simple **Logo** instructions by using the repeat function. This will all be done using Purple Mash. Internet safety is also be revisited.

## French:

Pupils will recap learning so far (eg, shapes, colours, months. They will learn about farm & zoo animals. Pupils will learn a range of feeling words for emotions.

If you have any questions, please ask. Staff are always available at the end of the day.

Kind regards, Mrs Lee

Please ensure all uniform is named. Home Learning grid is given out on the first week of term – house points awarded accordingly.

Daily reading, regular times tables practice and dictionary work are the core element of home learning.

This term, two books will be sent home with each child which need to brought in daily in the plastic wallet. One book is a reading scheme book, and the other a shared 'reading for pleasure' book.

