

Owls Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2022, Term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we are in the second half of the Spring term already! I'm hoping that you've all had a super rest and are raring to return to try out some exciting themes.

Please note the new format to Home Learning from this term onwards.

English:

Our English genre is traditional tales; we will start by studying exploring which stories count as traditional tales and children will be able to identify the features of this genre by learning and examining our model text 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The focus of this term's writing will be character description, and developing use of adventurous vocabulary.

Maths:

We will still be recovering the basic maths concepts, but the big focus this term in on fractions, starting with counting in fractions and moving on to understanding equivalent fractions. We did start on this a bit last term, but now will be going deeper.

Science: This term, forces and magnets will be explored, where children will discover how things move on different surfaces, predict and observe if magnets will attract or repel, and group materials according to if they are magnetic or not.

Theme:

This term's theme has another artist in the mix, this time it is Leonardo da Vinci. Art is certainly a strong area for Ms Christou's so the children can look forward to some creative learning, which will also dig into the history of this lovely painter. We intend to use a book called 'Camille and the Sunflowers' which introduces the painter through the eyes of a child.

Woodland **WEDNESDAYS**

Because of the work that it being done around the school, Woodland activities haven't yet been finalised.... But am sure they'll be great when they are!

PE: **TUESDAYS**

This term, it's hockey. 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.

RE:

Our Big Question is – **Why do Christians celebrate Holy Week each year?**

Pupils will be digging deeper into the events of Holy Week. They will look closer at what Christians believe about the resurrection. We will also be revisiting the Last Supper and creating artwork to retell the events of Holy Week.

Music:

This term, the focus is on singing, and as usual will start with a warm up. The Charanga website will be used for this.

Computing: 4.6

Pupils learn how to make a simple animation in a flick book. Pupils learn about animation frames and how to make a simple animation. They learn how to add backgrounds and sounds to animations and learn about 'stop motion'.

French:

Pupils will learn more animal words, plus they will gain more knowledge of written French words. They will engage in question and answer conversations.

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

Kind regards, Mrs Lee & Ms Christou

Please ensure all uniform is named.

Home Learning grid is given out on the first week of term.

Two books will be sent home with each child which need to brought in daily.

One book is a reading scheme book, and the other a shared 'reading for pleasure' book which is for you to read to/discuss/enjoy with you child.

Please ensure they understand their reading through a variety of open-ended questions and can clarify new vocabulary in context.