



Owl Class

Curriculum Letter



Tuesday 30th April

Dear Parents

As our new term has begun, we are looking forward to the exciting summer term ahead.

English

Literacy this half term is linked to our topic of 'Marvellous Machines'. We will start the term looking at recounts. It is a great way to share the children's experiences that they have had during the Easter holiday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading Mrs Armitage on wheels and developing their own ideas of what we could add to their chosen form of transport. Following that we will be exploring the book, 'If I built a car' written by Chris Van Dusen. Finally, the children will be learning a selection of poems around the topic. The railway carriage, song of a train by David McCord and the 'Flying Machine' by Hilda Offen.

The children will continue to revise and extend their knowledge of spellings and sounds:

Year 1 will be continuing to look at phase 5.

Year 2 will be consolidating phase 6, as well as focusing on grammar skills.

Maths

In maths, we are learning to extend our knowledge in the areas of:

- Measurement: including length, height, weight and volume, money, time
- Number fractions
- Multiplication and division
- Geometry: position and direction
- Place value within 100
- Statistics

An important aspect of mathematics is to apply this knowledge to problem solving and investigations. This means that a component of mathematics taught must be to reason, question, reflect and discuss strategies in order to answer questions. Children will use manipulatives to practically explore these problems and work on justifying their answers.

Topic

We begin this half term with the exciting topic 'Marvellous Machines.' We will be exploring how transport has changed over the years and look at the key individuals who played a role in the progression of vehicles. We will also look at local inventors as well as look globally.

In the second half term we will turn our focus to castles and fairy tales. We will be learning about the Kings and Queens of our country. It will give us an opportunity to link to the coronation of King Charles the II. With a geography focus we will look at where we live and where the King lives.

Science

During this first half term we are looking at Scientists and inventors. This will include:

- Greenhouse Growing and the Eden project- Tim Smit and Nicholas Grimshaw
- Brilliant Botany – Jane Colden
- Doctor’s surgery- Elizabeth Garrett Anderson
- Discovery Germs- Louise Pasteur
- Waterproof fabric - Charles Macintosh
- Ocean habitats -Rachel Carson
- Wind Power- James Blyth

Next half term we will look at: Uses of Everyday Materials including:

- Identifying uses
- Out and About in the local area
- Comparing Suitability
- Changing Shape
- Recycling
- Discovering new materials

R.E.

This half term our big question is: In what way is the Synagogue important to Jewish people?

We will talk about the Synagogue and some of the Jewish celebrations, including Passover and Shabbat. We will recap what we have already learnt about some of the stories found in the Torah including Abraham and Moses and the Ten Commandments. We will take about how places of worship often being the centre of the community.

During the second half term the big question will be: How do people know how to behave?

We will think about the ten commandments, the Golden Rule and different days of rest in different religions.

PSHE

This term we will be looking at the topic of ‘Growing up’. In the topic of ‘Growing up’ we look at different parts of the body and the terms ‘vulva’ and ‘penis’ are used when labelling the body. If you have any questions please do come and speak to us. Then in the second half term we will be looking at keeping safe online and transition for the end of the year.

Computing

During our computing lessons the children will identify uses of IT. They will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. The children will recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. Using Scratch Jr the children will learn coding and design their own characters.

Art

In Art we will be designing and making our own toys using a range of materials.

PE/Games

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure that your child wears full school PE kit for this day. Please can we ask that trainers are Velcro fastening. This term the children will be developing their gymnastics skills.

Forest School & Yoga

Our wellbeing sessions of Yoga and Forest School will continue through the summer term. Year 1 will have Forest School, and Year 2 will have Yoga until half term and then they will switch after half term.

Our Team

- Monday: Mrs Colvin, Mrs Fraser
- Tuesday: Mrs Colvin, Mrs Fraser
- Wednesday: Mrs Colvin, Mrs Hiles, Mrs Fraser
- Thursday: Mrs Stockdale, Mrs Steele
- Friday: Mrs Stockdale, Mrs Steele

Homework

This half term we would like to focus on reading on a daily basis. We will be sending home a mix of spelling, grammar and comprehension work.

Reading

- Books to be changed on Fridays.
- Please continue to record in your child's yellow book every time you read with them.
- Please also ensure your child's reading record is in school every day.

Finally, we would like to invite you to our Curriculum meeting on **8th May 2024 at 2.30pm**. We hope to meet as many of you as possible and answer any questions you may have about this newsletter or about the term ahead.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or the office to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards



Mrs Stockdale & Mrs Colvin
KS1 Teachers