



Owl Class

Curriculum Letter



Monday 16th September

Dear Parents

Welcome to Owl Class! We hope that you all had a restful summer and that you are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. We have been so impressed with how well all the children have resettled into school life and how quickly they have adjusted to the routines of Key Stage 1.

English

Literacy this half term initially focusses on different stories from the same author, we will be looking at Shirley Hughes. We will be learning stories and then writing our own version using the techniques learnt. We will then explore the story of 'The tiger who came to tea.' We will use this text to explore how newspaper articles are written.

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

Year 1 will be revising phase 4 and then move onto phase 5.

Year 2 will be consolidating phase 5 and moving onto phase 6.

Maths

We continue with our Maths Mastery input and begin an exciting new program called Mastering Number, which ensures all children have a clear understanding and grasp of their numbers creating flexible thinking and automaticity with number facts.

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

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape

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 Geography and the exciting topic 'Continents and Oceans.' We have already begun to learn the names of the continents and where they are. We will think about what the continents look like, are some continents hot and some cold? What are the oceans and where are they? Which continent would you travel to?

Next half term our history topic 'War and Remembrance' will look at the life of Walter Tull, life on the frontline, animals in the war, women on the home front and Remembrance Day.

Science

This term we are looking at animals including humans. Lessons will include animal offspring, life cycles, growing up, survival, exercise and healthy living.

Next half term we will concentrate on living things and their habitats, we will explore local habitats, microhabitats, world habitats, working together and staying alive and food chains.

R.E.

In this half term we will be investigating the big question: What are the best reasons for following a leader? We will look at Joshua as a leader in the bible and think about what makes a good leader?

After half term, the focus will be on Why does Christmas matter to Christians? The nativity and all the fun that goes with that!

PSHE

This term we talk about TEAM- together everyone achieves more.

We will think about the following topics in our lessons: Listening, being kind, bullying and teasing, brilliant brains and making good choices.

Computing

We have an exciting term of Computing planned. In the first half term, children are exploring the school iPad. We will think about digital painting- using technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. We will learn about how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private, identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

In the second half term we will work on computing skills, using logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. Recognise common uses of information and technology beyond school.

DT

During our Design and Technology lessons this half term we will be learning about Dips and Dippers. This exciting topic will teach the children about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet, we will think about where different foods come from, the children will get the opportunity to taste different dips and dippers, as well as make some of their own.

Art

In Art, next half term we will explore portraits. We will develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour and pattern.

We will also get to know about the work of a range of artists.

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 develop their football skills. We will also be attending some of the Sports Partnership Festivals, a fantastic way of building resilience and confidence within a larger sporting environment.

Our Team

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

Homework

This half term we would like to focus on reading on a daily basis. We will be looking at individual books in detail, to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Reading

- 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 Wednesday 18th September at 2.45pm. We hope to meet as many of you as possible and answer any questions you may have about this newsletter or about the year ahead.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Handwritten signatures of Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Colvin. The signature on the left is 'Stockdale' and the one on the right is 'Colvin'.

Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Colvin