



Owl Class

Curriculum Letter



Monday 7th 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

The term will begin by exploring a range of stories by the same author, with Oliver Jeffers as our chosen author.

The two stories we will explore in detail are '*The Day the Crayons Quit*' and '*Stuck*'. Through these engaging texts, we will broaden the children's vocabulary, develop their understanding and use of language, and strengthen their awareness of punctuation and how it is used effectively in writing.

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.

Year 1 : Place value within 10, addition and subtraction (within 10) and then finally Shape.

Year 2 : Place value, Addition and subtraction, and 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? We will also begin work on the nativity and all the fun that goes with it!

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 will explore 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. We will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content and 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/Yoga

PE/Yoga will be on a **Wednesdays**. 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.

Forest School

This half term Year 1 and 2 will have Forest School sessions together on a Friday afternoon. Children should come to school in Forest School clothes (warm layers and a waterproof coat). Last year it worked very well with all children either having a spare pair of wellies in school all the time or leaving a pair Monday – Friday, so if this is possible it would be appreciated. It just avoids having to remember to bring them in on a Friday. After half term we will have DT sessions on a Friday afternoon.

Our Team

Monday – Mrs Colvin, Mrs Fraser and Mrs Dunn

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Thursday – Mrs Stockdale and Mrs Dunn

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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

- Books will 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 16th 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

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Stockdale' with a stylized flourish underneath. The second signature, on the right, is 'Colvin' in a cursive script.

Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Colvin