



Wishing you all a *Happy*
New Year and welcome back
to **OWL CLASS** this Spring
term!



Mrs Littlar and **Miss Ebrey** will be teaching **Owl Class** this term - We are very excited about our new name! **Mrs Davies**, **Mr Egerton** and **Mrs Smith** will be supporting the class throughout the week. **Mrs Smith** and **Mrs Dillon** will be leading PE on Tuesdays & Thursdays respectively this term. **Mr Bennett** will continue to provide music sessions on Wednesdays and **Father John** will lead a Collective Worship assembly regularly on a Thursday. We welcome **Mr Morris** as our Headteacher for this interim term.

MORNING ROUTINE Please note that all children should be arriving at school at **8:45am**. Y5 and Y6 children will enter the building through Classroom 3. Once children have organised their belongings, they are expected to enter the classroom promptly to begin their early morning activity. Registration will close at **9:00am**.

HOMEWORK

Spellings and Spelling sheets for the first half term will be sent home. Years 5 and 6 will play a Spelling Hive game every Friday to check on their learning. Some spellings may seem challenging but you can encourage your child to spot the pattern in the letters and to play **Spelling Shed online** for extra practise. Do let the teachers know if you have any concerns.

Reading books are checked and changed regularly at school. Children are encouraged to take books home to complete, as many KS2 books can be quite long! Please continue to comment in your child's Home Reading Book as a form of home/school communication.



Maths - The Key Recall Facts (KIRFs) this half term for Year 5 are number bonds of 100 and for Year 6 are decimals that total 1 or 10.

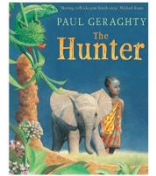
Maths homework will be given out on Friday to be completed and returned either on or before Wednesday.



Rewards at School - Children have their own reward chart where they record the "ticks" they earn for actions and attitudes that exemplify behaviour linked to our school values: **Respect, Wisdom, Friendship, Endurance, Compassion, Service and Trust**. They need to earn 20 ticks to fill a marble and they should aim to complete at least 3 marbles per half-term. Marbles across the school are also counted every half term to see which house wins the House Cup.

House Activities will take place on three afternoons each term. Children from across all the classes join together in House groups to take part in exciting, themed outdoor activities. These are led by teachers, provide extra learning opportunities, foster a greater sense of community and, most importantly, are great fun!

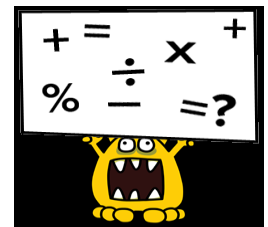
English - We follow the Literacy Company scheme Pathways to Write. This term we will be reading **Arthur and the Golden Rope** by **Joe Todd-Stanton** as an inspiration for writing our own quest. In the second half term, we link with our geography topic and explore an adventure story set in Africa - **The Hunter** by **Paul Geraghty**.



We will be starting the term with some Elfish letter writing!

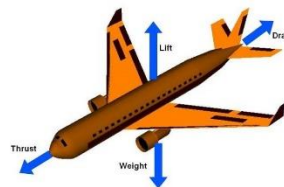
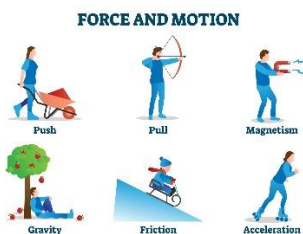
Children will have 2 sessions per week of Pathways to Read. This term we will be studying 'The Happy Prince and other tales' by Oscar Wilde.

Maths - We use the White Rose Maths Scheme. In Maths, for Year 5, we start off this term with multiplication and division followed by a return to fractions. Decimals and percentages next, ending with perimeter and area.



In Year 6, we look at the link between decimals, fractions and percentages. We learn how to convert between units of measurement and start work on ratio and algebra. We cover the 3 measures of area, perimeter and volume.

Science -



Our Science topics for the Spring term are 'Forces' and 'Light.' On Thursday afternoons we will be learning all about forces in the world around us, including air / water resistance, gravity and friction, and what light is and where it comes from. As always, we will be incorporating some fun experiments and practical activities into our learning.

History - This half term we will continue studying the **Anglo-Saxons** but carry our timeline through to the **Viking** invasion! We change to **Geography** for the second half of term, where we are visitors on a school trip to **Zambia** and write about our experiences there.



Art and DT -. In Art we will be looking at print and map-making under a topic called **Typography and Maps**. Next, mixed media **Land and City Scapes** is our focus. For DT this term we are building structures for our Anglo-Saxon village project, linked to our learning in History.



RE - This term, Years 5 & 6 look at **What it means to be Muslim in Britain today**, asking where do Muslims worship and what rules support their life and faith. This is followed next half term by the question **What would Jesus do?** This topic explores ideas of how Christians can act in God's name here on Earth.

PSHE - This Spring term we will be looking at 'Growing and changing' and 'Relationships.' A letter will be sent out to parents in the next few weeks regarding our Year 6 RSE programme of study.

French - Our studies this term will focus on 'Ancient Britain' and 'The Olympics.' We will learn key vocabulary and then build our understanding of grammar to form sentences both verbally and in writing.

P.E. This term the children will be having PE lessons on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Please ensure your child has PE kit available in school every day. Please **name** all kit and send in a note or email if your child is unable to take part for any reason.



Thank you for taking the time to read through this information. We are here to support you whenever we can.

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