

Welcome to Owl class (Year 5 and 6)



Autumn 1

I hope you have had a lovely summer and the children are ready to continue their school adventure as we move into another year! For those moving into year 6, this marks the final year in the Balderstone chapter!

Our topic for this half term is Out of this World. Our Science lessons this half term will focus on Earth in Space, focusing on our solar system.

In English, we will begin by reading *The Nowhere Emporium*. This is a fiction text based in a magical shop. Through our daily reading workshops, children will be encouraged to develop vocabulary, inference and prediction skills. We will then move on to the film narrative based on *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore*.

Our focus for the half term in maths is the place value of numbers to 1000 000. We will explore how to read and write these numbers, what the digits represent and compare the size of numbers. Moving on, we will explore Roman Numerals before a focus on multiplication and division.

In History, we will explore who the Romans were, what they did and the impact they had on Britain. This will link to our art focus on Roman mosaics. Children will have the opportunity to create their own mosaic tile based on ones they have evaluated.

In RE we begin by investigating the Bible as a collection of different types of books. We will explore how the Bible has been translated and how it is used by Christians in their daily lives. We will then move on to exploring why sacred texts are important to in other faiths including Judaism.

As we begin a new school year, our PSHE lessons will focus on reinforcing why we need to have rules in school and we will also be identifying who children can trust. In addition to our PSHE lessons, we will be building resilience with the Bounce Forward team who will be coming into school each Thursday afternoon to look at strategies to help children develop independence and resilience.

I will send a digital letter each week to outline what we have been busy doing in class and any information for the following week.

Each week spellings will be updated on EdShed for children to practise as part of their weekly homework. There will also be maths homework set each week on Maths shed, in their practise books or on a sheet. It is important that children have a go at this independently as it will link to work in school. If you notice your child is struggling with homework, please let me know so we can support in class. There is also the expectation that children are reading daily and have their reading records signed at least 3 times a week. Reading unlocks the door to so many other skills so it is important your child establishes good reading habits.

Please make sure all items of clothing, bottles and bags are labelled so we can avoid things getting lost. Children can keep a pencil case in their trays if they wish but we do have everything the children need to complete their work in school.

I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

Mrs Draycott

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Mondays – PE

Mrs Draycott is out of class in the afternoon

Tuesdays – PE

Wednesdays -

Thursdays – Bounce Forward Resilience sessions

Fridays – Celebration worship

Year 5 Bikeability 15th-16th September. Children will need a bike.

If you would like to speak to me, after school is usually better as mornings can be rather hectic. Alternatively, you could send me a message using the

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email address.