

## Owl class (Year 5 and 6)



### Autumn 2

We have had a great start to the year and I hope the children (and yourselves) enjoy a rest over the half term holiday. We have asked that they keep on reading as this is so important for everything they do in school. They also have their science project to complete – to create a model of the solar system in whatever way they choose. This could be a drawing, a 3d model or could even be baked! Some children were hoping to work with a friend which is fine. Children will need to bring these in by the end of the first week back.

In English, we will begin by reading *The Highwayman*. This is a narrative poem and we will be investigating the different characters within the poem as well as the features the poet has used. After that, we will read *A Christmas Carol*. We will focus our writing on persuading Scrooge to change his ways.

Our focus for the half term in maths is long multiplication, where we will be moving towards a formal method to multiply a 2 or 3 digit number by a 2 digit number. It is essential that children have a good recall of times table facts for this as it reduces the amount they have to think about how to solve the equation. We will then move on to division and eventually introduce the written method for short and long division. In order to get there, children need to understand division and the place value of the digits.

In Geography we will explore mountains – we will focus on Everest but will investigate how mountains are formed and what the Earth is made of. If you have any pictures of mountains you have visited, we would love to see them as part of our learning.

In RE we will explore the holy books of Jewish and Islamic faiths. We will consider how they are used and treated and what they teach. Towards the end of term, we will look at the Christmas story in the Bible and why there are different accounts of it.

Our Science lessons will involve lots of practical investigations as we explore forces including gravity, air resistance and water resistance. In computing, children will be looking at how the internet is used. This half term we will be making fairground rides in design technology (models, not actual ones!)

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 encourage your child

to complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader linked to the book they have read. This helps to develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Mrs Wilcox and Miss Hillary have started teaching groups of children and some whole class lessons under my supervision. This will continue over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Draycott

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

**Mondays** – PE

Mrs Draycott is out of class in the afternoon

**Tuesdays** – PE

**Wednesdays** -

**Thursdays** –

**Fridays** – Children are tested on their spellings. Homework is set for the following week.

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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