

Owl class (Year 5 and 6)

Spring 1



Hapy New Year! We hope you have had a good break and managed to get some rest. We look forward to Mrs Heyworth returning to be part of the Owls' teaching team. She is going to be in class every afternoon and on a Tuesday and Friday morning to teach the maths lesson. This will allow us to split the class on those two mornings for maths. She will be sending details out about maths booster sessions which will be starting soon.

In English, we will begin by reading *Survivors*. This book is a collection of tales about extraordinary adventures. We will be using these tales to help us think about the structure of chronological reports and recounts. Children will have the opportunity to write their own as we progress through the term. We will also read Shackleton's *Journey* and identify the features of personal recounts.

Our focus for the half term in maths is volume and then we will move on to converting units of measurement. Children will work on developing their understanding of imperial and metric measures before moving on to negative numbers and finding the mean average. In addition to this, children will be developing their fluency in maths through completing calculations daily to increase speed and efficiency.

In History, we will be finding out about the Anglo Saxons. We will investigate when they arrived in Britain and why they invaded. Children will be encouraged to explore why the Anglo Saxons settled where they did and how they kept law and order.

In RE we think about what makes a good teacher and what Christians can learn from the parables of Jesus. Children will be on a quest to explore the meaning of Jesus' teaching and how it links to values across all faiths and British values.

Our Science lessons will focus on the properties of materials. Children will investigate how to separate solid materials, a mixture and a solution. They will investigate whether changes to materials can be reversed.

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Draycott and Mrs Heyworth

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Mondays – PE

Tuesdays – PE

Wednesdays – Library book should be changed

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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