

Owl class (Year 5 and 6)



Summer 1

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed some of the sunshine we had. It's hard to believe that we are entering the summer term. There is so much to look forward to this term, including our production of the Wizard of Oz. Leavers Hoodies have arrived in school for those in Year 6 which is very exciting!

In English, we will begin by reading *On the Move*. This is a collection of poems by Michael Rosen about his own experiences of war and also looking at the ways in which some people become refugees. We will read the poems and discuss their meanings and then use the ideas to create our own poetry. We will then move on to the graphic novel *When Stars are Scattered*. Spellings will continue to be set on Spelling shed every Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Please ensure your child learns them each week in addition to daily reading.

Our focus for the half term in maths is algebra, moving on to drawing, composing and decomposing shapes. Year 6's will have opportunity to revise work on fractions and percentages whilst Year 5 children will focus on fractions. Daily fluency sessions will continue to practise quick, efficient mental calculation strategies. Please encourage your child in Year 6 to practise the areas they find difficult on SATS Boot Camp. Maths booster sessions will continue every Tuesday until 4:00pm for all of Year 6.

In Geography we will complete our topic on volcanoes and then move on to investigating earthquakes. We will focus on what earthquakes are, how and where they occur and the impact they have.

In RE we are on a quest to explore significant women and the impact they have made. We will focus on significant women in the Bible, namely Deborah, Jochebed (the mother of Moses), Abigail and Ruth. We will look at the qualities they possessed and the difference they made.

Our Science lessons will focus on light and how we see it. We will investigate how we see things through light, how light can be reflected before moving on to investigating shadows. Through scientific enquiry, children will generate their own conclusions.

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 us 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.

Please note SATS week is the week beginning 11th May. During this week, Year 5 children will be taught separately to year 6 in the mornings.

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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email address.