

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

In Maths, Owls will be considering the place value of numbers to 20 and extending our addition and subtraction work to numbers to 20. Hedgehogs will be looking at doubles and near doubles, working with money and addition and subtraction with money.

This half term in our English lessons we will be working on a well-known traditional story with a bit of a twist. The children will have the chance to re-tell the story and add their own twist! Daily phonics and guided reading lessons will continue for everyone to support reading and writing. Spellings will continue in Year 2 each week.

**Core texts**

**Fiction** - Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl, Little Red Riding Hood, The Book with no Pictures

**Poetry** - Year 1 - Stepping Stones, Hungry Birdies, Mrs Bluebird, A Little Seed

**Poetry** - Year 2 - Carrot Nose, Let's Put on Our Mittens, Spring Wind, A Little House

In geography we will be looking at the hot and cold parts of the world and considering what types of trees grow in those areas. We will also be comparing our local climate to that of a part of Canada.

In DT the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own puppets using pinning, gluing and stapling to attach textiles. They will also be making a windmill using a range of attachment techniques.

In science Year 1 will be considering what groups animals belong to and what their diets consist of. We will also be investigating what materials objects are made of.

In Year 2 science the children will be investigating the properties of materials, understanding the importance of exercise and a balanced diet for humans and investigating what it means to be hygienic.

We will also be doing RE - learning about how important it is for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do; PE - performing balances and rolls in gymnastics and improving our sequencing and performance skills in dance; Music - Year 1 will be working on tempo and Year 2 will be looking at orchestral instruments and in PSHE - identifying our dreams and goals. In computing, Year 1 will be sorting and classifying and coding, Year 2 will be creating pictures and coding.

**Here are some things you might want to do at home:**

- When you are out and about, talk about the weather and notice what trees and plants look like in our local area.

We always enjoy seeing and hearing what you have been up to outside of school!

### Homework

The expectations are:

#### Year 1

- Reading with your child daily
- Fortnightly Maths and English activities related to learning (this will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in on the following Tuesday, if appropriate)

#### Year 2

- Reading with your child and your child reading aloud at least 5 times a week
- Weekly spellings
- Fortnightly Maths and English work (up to 20 minutes). Homework will be given out on a Thursday, and it should be handed in on the following Tuesday. We ask that all homework books come back into school on the Tuesday ready for the next set of homework to go out.

Your child will change their phonics book on a **Monday ONLY** at the start of the day. They will not need to change them at any other time.

### Important information

Don't forget, that every day the children need: - a re-fillable water bottle, book bag to hold their reading record, spelling book and reading book and their lunch box (if they are not having school dinners). If possible, could water bottles have a lid that remains attached for drinking.

### PE Days

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit (they do not need their school uniform to change back into). Long hair should be tied up and no jewellery should be worn - including earrings. Ears that have been recently pierced where earrings cannot be removed will need to be covered.

As a reminder our PE kit is:

- Plain black shorts
- Royal blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Royal blue hoodie with or without school logo
- Black tracksuit bottoms (colder weather)
- Trainers (not plimsolls)

We will have PE on the following days:

Owls - Wednesday and Friday

Hedgehogs - Monday and Wednesday

### The teachers in Key Stage 1 are:

Miss Pollendine - Key Stage 1 Leader, Owls Class teacher

Miss Stankowski - Hedgehogs Class teacher

The adults supporting in Key Stage 1 are:

Miss Powell, Mrs Hall and Mrs James