

Welcome back and hope your half term wasn't too soggy!

In Maths, Owls will be working on subtraction, finding doubles and near doubles and extending some of our work to numbers up to 50. Hedgehogs will continue to work on addition and subtraction methods and number bonds to 10 and 100.

This half term in our English lessons we will be looking at non-chronological reports and writing our own about nocturnal animals. Daily phonics and reading lessons will continue for everyone to support reading and writing. Spellings will continue in Year 2 each week.

**Core texts**

**Fiction** - The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

**Poetry** - Year 1 - Falling Apples, Shoes, A Little Seed (continued from Spring 1)

**Poetry** - Year 2 - Carrot Nose, Let's Put on Our Mittens, Spring Wind, A Little House (continued from Spring 1)

In history we will be looking at our favourite toys and talking about how we play with them. We will also be considering toys from the past and thinking about how our parents and grandparents might have played with their toys; we will talk about what is the same and what is different.

In art we will start by using different tones in pencil and charcoal and making observational drawings before moving onto making a clay sculpture.

In science, Year 1 we will be looking at and naming different types of trees; revisiting and describing the weather and activities you might do in each season and investigating how shadows are formed.

In Year 2 science, we will be exploring how to identify healthy and unhealthy plants, local and global habitats of different animals and plants, and investigating mini beasts and their habitats within the school grounds.

We will also be doing RE - finding out about the part animals play in a variety of religions; PE - continuing to perform balances and rolls in gymnastics and extending our sequences onto apparatus; Music - Year 1 will be working on understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm and Year 2 will be composing our own melodies and furthering our exploration of timbre; PSHE - keeping ourselves healthy and in computing we will be creating and animating pictures.

**This half term: -**

We hope you found the recent NCETM maths information useful.

Please look out for weekly Maths packs. There will be a different focus and activities for Year 1 and Year 2. Your child will bring home everything you will need. These will go out on a Monday and are in addition to the regular homework.

If you want to share any of the maths you have done at home with us in school, please do. We always love to hear from you.

## 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