

Welcome back and we hope you enjoyed some better weather over the Easter break!

In Maths, Owls will be working on counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s and beginning to work on the concept of multiplication by finding and making equal groups. Hedgehogs will be exploring division and how this links to fractions as well as finding fraction of shapes and amounts to solve problems.

This half term our English will focus on exploring setting descriptions and writing an adventure story based on a Taking Flight short video. We will continue to have story time every day and Book Club once a week. 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 - Tadpole's Promise

Poetry - Year 1 - Hungry Birdies, Falling Apples, Shoes

Poetry - Year 2 - A Little Shell and If I Were So Very Small

In geography we will be identifying countries and capital cities in the UK, comparing cities, towns and villages in the UK and looking at some of the UK's ports and harbours.

In art we will be drawing regular and irregular patterns before moving on to exploring printing and monoprint.

In science, Year 1 we will be learning about different animal groups and comparing animals across groups. We will also build on our work around understanding the properties of materials.

In Year 2 science, we will be learning about what humans and animals need to survive and carry out an investigation into the strength of paper.

We will also be doing RE - learning about rites of passage across various religions; PE - having our first go at some track and field skills in athletics and practicing our catching and throwing accuracy; Music - Year 1 will be exploring timbre and rhythmic patterns with instruments and Year 2 will be developing their knowledge and understanding of dynamics, timbre, tempo and rhythm; PSHE - considering our relationships with friends and family, and in Computing children will be introduced to spreadsheets and have the opportunity to practice in the 'Calculate' section of Purple Mash.

This half term: -

We will continue to send the weekly Maths packs. Please feel free to send the diary sheets back as we get towards the end of the 5-week programme.

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