

Welcome back!

In Maths, Owls will be working on telling the time to the hour and half hour and also becoming more familiar with money - specifically the value of coins. We will also be consolidating our work on numbers to 100 and addition and subtraction skills. Hedgehogs will be looking at time and measures including length, capacity and weight.

This half term our English will focus on writing a recount of a shared experience and looking at a super video of a Dung beetle before writing a diary entry from the beetle's perspective. We will also be encouraging the children to produce a 'published' version of their work for certain pieces where, having done the creative thinking and work on spelling and punctuation, they really focus on their handwriting and presentation.

Core texts

Fiction - I say ooh, You say ahh

Poetry - Year 1 - The Sound Keeper; Rainbow Rabbit

Poetry - Year 2 - A Recipe for Kindness; The Owl and the Pussy Cat

In history we will be looking at the history of air travel and how we learned to fly. We will be exploring the lives of significant people in history who had an impact on modern air travel.



In DT we will be looking at the history of rail engineers linked with our Wheels and Axles DT Day from last term.

In science, Year 1 will be investigating which material would make the best umbrella and getting to know the parts a flowering plant.

In science in Year 2 we will be learning how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, looking at food chains and describing how seeds and bulbs grow.

We will also be doing RE - looking at how light and dark feature in religious stories across various religions; PE - continuing to work on track and field skills in athletics and improving our fitness; Music - Year 1 will be using their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to music with fast and slow speeds; Year 2 will be creating and arranging rhythms in a particular structure; PSHE - will focus on life cycles and changes to our bodies as we grow. In Computing children will be looking at coding across both year groups and Year 2 will also be looking at spreadsheets on Purple Mash.

Reminder

Please can we ask you to support your child to remember to bring their yellow Reading Record book in to school everyday. We use them to encourage daily reading and also to provide a reminder of their Purple Mash login details so that they can access the site independently within computing lessons.

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 Yellow 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