

## Owls newsletter Summer term 2024

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." Colossians 3.v.23*

### Welcome back.

Summer term has come around quickly and as always our summer term is going to be jammed packed with exciting learning experiences. With the sunnier weather now here, we can all get a little bit more excited about using our school swimming pool.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Owl class will be going to York Theatre Royal for a look around behind the scenes. More details to follow.

### English

Over the summer term, we will be focusing on narrative, non-fiction and poetry. We will still have a main focus on presentational skills and ensuring the basic forms of punctuation are used within all written work. Spellings will continue to be tested on Mondays with new ones also handed out for the following week.

### Whole class reading

Guided Reading will be taught as a whole class and will be focusing upon all three text types: Fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We start by focusing on non-fiction texts related to children's interests.

We will also be reading our class book of choice regularly to the children to encourage a love for reading. Children will have time throughout the week to read independently. *'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go' Dr Seuss.*

### Maths

This term we will be continuing to focus on the four operations alongside shape and time.

By the end of **year 4** children are expected to know all times tables and corresponding division facts up to 12 x 12. There is a statutory Multiplication tables check in the summer term. We ask that the year 4 children start learning their times tables at least 3-4 times a week to support their multiplication knowledge. They have access to TTRS and learning times tables through songs is another great way. In school, children will also be going on the following website to prepare them for the multiplication test in June.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>



### Science

Due to such a short Spring term, the children will be continuing to learn about Living things and their habitats. Once finished the topic, the children will then be learning about Plants. If you have any books or resources at home to support these topics then please feel free to bring them into school.

### Religious Education

Over the first half term, the children will be looking at the following question: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

During the second half term, the children will be thinking about life as a journey.

### Collective Worship

Our four core Christian values for Huby School remain to be: friendship, courage, perseverance and respect. These will be embedded throughout the curriculum.

Collective Worship takes place daily with the main theme this half term being Friendship.

## Music

In music, the children will be learning the topics; Adapting and transposing motifs linking to our history topic and then moving on to learning Jazz music.



## PSHE/RSE

Over the term, the children will be learning Economics.



## History and geography

For the first half term, children will be learning about The Romans and their invasion to Britain. This is always a great topic which captures the children's interests.

After May half term, the children will be learning their geography topic, 'Where does our food come from?'

If you have any books or resources that may support these topics then please do bring them into school. Also, if you are in the farming industry and keen to share your knowledge it would be great to have you come in and speak to the children. Please let us know.

## French

French this term is all about the fabulous food. Hopefully children will be able to enjoy some French cuisine along with being able to ask for food in French.

## Computing

Children will be further developing their **computer skills** this term by learning programming skills. Computing will be taught by Mr Hartley on Wednesday afternoons. The children will also use the chrome books during the week to enhance cross-curricular links.

## Homework

Children will be set homework on a Friday. The homework will have the date of when it needs to be returned to school. Sometimes it is due the following week or sometimes it is a longer project which we expect children to do over a few weeks. We ask that the children **read at least four times a week** and for it to be recorded into their reading records along with going on the assigned Mathematics. Spelling tests will be on **Mondays**.

## Art Design and Design Technology

During the first half term, the children will be learning DT and the topic is structures and constructing castles.

After half term, they will focus on their art skills and the power of printing.

## PE

PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday this half term and we're asking that children come to school in their PE kits. The PE kit is: blue shorts, white t-shirt, socks and trainers. Now the weather is improving we will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has a change of footwear for inside use only.