

## Owls newsletter Spring term 2024

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

### Happy New Year!

We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the spring term. Mr Dewhurst, who is a student teacher from York St John, will also be with owls from the second week of term.

Mrs Borwell and Mrs Broadhurst.

### English

Over the spring 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 along with grammar will also be a main focus this term. The children will be learning to write formal letters and be moving on to persuasive writing linked to our guided reading novel.

### 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 starting with the fiction texts, 'Charlotte's Web' linking to our history topic. We will also be reading our class book of choice, 'Boy' by Roald Dahl 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 mainly focusing on multiplication, division and fractions.

By the end of year 4 children are expected to know all times tables and corresponding division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . 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 May/ June.

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

Please ask if you need further support in this



### Science

In science, the children's topics are Movement and nutrition for the first half term and classification and changing habitats during the second half term. If you have any books or resources at home to support these topics then please feel free to bring them into school.

### Religious Education

Mrs Broadhurst will be teaching RE and will be teaching a continuation of What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today including learning about Hindu weddings and other celebrations. After half term we will be moving on to What kind of world did Jesus want? Which will lead us nicely into the story of Easter too.

### 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 Courage.

## Music

In music, the children will be becoming more familiar with a glockenspiel and learning music from the Caribbean with a particular focus on the song Calypso.



## PSHE/RSE

Over the term, the children will be learning safety and the changing body to include: being kind online, cyberbullying, first aid, introducing puberty (Y4 only) and introducing road safety (Y3 only).



## History and geography

For the first half term, children will be learning How children's lives have changed over time. They will be looking at a range of eras, dating back to the Tudor times.

After February half term, we move on to learning geography. We will be looking at Rainforests.

If you have any books or resources that may support these topics then please do bring them into school. Thank you.

## French

In our first half term, our theme is Birthday Celebrations where we will learn about months of the year and seasons. In the second half term, our topic area is Colourful Creatures, where the children will revisit colours and adjectives to enable them to describe animals and creatures.

## 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 Mathletics. A statutory spelling list is also in the back of their books for them to learn on a regularly basis.

## Art Design and Design Technology

During the first half term, the children will be learning DT and the topic is Digital World. The children will be making an electronic charm. After half term the children will be looking at growing artists and learning drawing techniques in art.

## 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. When the weather gets colder please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing i.e. jumper and tracksuit bottoms as we will be outside for PE as much as possible. The children will be learning tag rugby and orienteering skills.