

Welcome back and for some of you, welcome to Key Stage 2 and owl class.

We hope you've had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the typical British weather. Mrs Borwell will be teaching Owls Monday- Wednesday with Mrs Broadhurst taking over from Wednesday afternoon through till Friday. We have lots of exciting things planned for the first term, including a school trip to Murton Park (September 18th) Forest Quest starting next week and an exciting DT day. We look forward to another great year.

Mrs Borwell and Mrs Broadhurst.

English

Over the autumn term, we will be focusing on narrative, non-fiction and poetry. As always when starting a new school year there will be a huge emphasis 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.

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, 'Stone Age Boy' linking to our history topic. We will also be reading our class book of choice, 'Stig of the dump' 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 Place Value and ending the term building on their prior knowledge, addition and subtraction. There will be weekly inputs of arithmetic skills too.

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. Despite early on in the year, 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. Please ask if you need further support in this, however we will discuss more with you at parents evening.



Science

In science, the children's topics are States in Matter for the first half term and Rocks after the October 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 this and for the first half term will be thinking about, 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?' And for the second half term, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' This will be consolidated by a trip to a temple in December. More information to follow.

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 generosity.

Music

In music, the children will be becoming more familiar with a glockenspiel and learning African music. We then look at developing their singing skills after half term.



PSHE/RSE

Over the term, the children will be learning about families and friendships. They will also be learning about healthy lifestyles and their personal well-being.



History and geography

For the first half term, children will be learning about the history of the prehistoric era: Stone Age to Iron Age. A trip to Murton Park to gain a hands on experience has been booked for **Tuesday 18th September** so please keep an eye out for the consent forms.

After October half term, we move on to learning geography. We will be looking at Volcanoes. This is always a firm favourite and an interesting topic.

French

In French the topic is This is me where the children will be learning to introduce themselves and express their likes and dislikes. After half term, the children will be learning about all aspects of school life.

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

DT will be the first topic and the children will be learning about structures.

The second half term will be Art where the children will be learning abstract art focusing on sculptures.

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. For the first half term, children will be going to Forest Quest on Friday's too so will need to bring appropriate clothing for the afternoon.