

Owls newsletter Summer term 2023

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

Welcome back...

The summer term is one of our favourite terms because there are so many exciting opportunities. We are pleased to say, we will be back in our classroom and enjoying our new interactive board and being back together with the rest of the school. Even though this is going to be a short term because of the bank holidays, we will be busy working away on our new topics. Also, we have fingers crossed that the sun is shining and we are able to be using our swimming pool very soon.

Many thanks, Mrs Borwell and Mrs Broadhurst

English

Over the summer term we will be writing newspaper articles and mythical stories linked to our guided reading book, 'How to train your dragon'. The emphasis on presentational skills is still very much a focus and we will be keeping an eye out for those children who are aiming for their pen licences.

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, 'how to train your dragon'.

We also encourage children to read their chosen books at various times of the day to encourage a love for reading.

"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 multiplication, division, fractions and also starting our new topic of time. Owls will also be having weekly arithmetic practise and a focus on learning the times tables fluently. By the end of year 3 children are expected to know off by heart the x2, x3, x4, x5, x8, x10 tables. 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 encourage the children to practise the MTC at home because of the time constraints. Time constraints are something many people find difficult, but with practice this becomes much less stressful.



Science

In science, the children's topic is Plants. If you have any books or resources at home for this topic then please feel free to bring these in to share with the class.

Religious Education

Mrs Broadhurst will be teaching this and for the first half term focus on 'Why are festivals important to the religious communities.

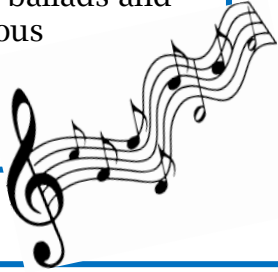
Collective Worship

Children will participate in a daily collective worship and during the course of this term we will continue to focus on hope, community, dignity, wisdom, joy and peace.

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

Music

Our music for the first half term is ballads. Children will be listening to ballads and exploring various instruments.



PSHE/RSE

Over the term the children will be learning a variety of topics including economic well-being. Economic wellbeing to include: spending choices, budgeting and jobs and careers. In summer 2 we will look at transition and some coping strategies for transition and changes.



History and geography

For the first half term, the children will be learning about their Local History. We will be looking closely into the history of Huby and local heritage sites such as our school houses. If you have any information, photos, knowledge then we would be delighted if you could share that with us.

After half term, we will be introducing the topic of coasts as part of a geography topic, during which time we are hoping to visit the coast too.

French

In French we will continue to consolidate our food and drink language, combined with shopping in France, which will also include using larger numbers.

In summer 2 we will be learning all about the French classroom.

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.

Computing

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

Art Design and Design Technology

Over the summer term we will be looking at French artists to link with the topics from our humanities, as well as exploring prehistoric art. Here, the children will sketch, colour mix and paint. In DT, we will be making pneumatic toys.

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 again this year. 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.