



OWLS NEWSLETTER

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Spring term 2023



Welcome back...

Happy New Year. We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas break and ready for the spring term ahead. Yet again, we have another exciting term planned with many different trips out. We welcome back Kelly from Curve Dance, who will be teaching Owls in the second half term. Again, please keep checking Class Dojo for any updates throughout the term.

Many thanks,

Mrs Borwell and Mrs Broadhurst

English

Over the Spring term we will be writing biographies linked to our history topic as well as looking at the conventions of poems and familiarising ourselves with non-fiction texts. 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. We will continue reading *The Sheep-Pig* by Dick-King Smith for our class story which we hope the children will continue to enjoy. 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 focusing on multiplication, division, fractions and shape. 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 Forces and Magnets. 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 and for the first half term focus on 'Why do people pray?' We will be visiting various different churches over the term.

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.



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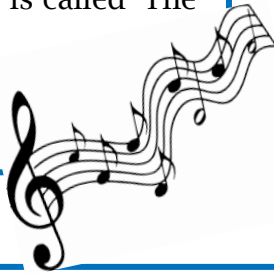


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Music

Our music will link with Chinese New Year this term and the theme is called 'The dragon song.'



PSHE/RSE

Over the term the children will be learning a variety of topics including safety and the changing body and citizenship.



Humanities

For the first half term, the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt. In this unit, the children will explore who the Ancient Egyptians were, what they did, and discuss whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as one of the most important early civilisations. If you have any resources/books to support the children's learning then please feel free to bring them in.

After February half term, we will be introducing the topic Climate and weather as our geography topic.

French

In French this term the children will be exploring the topic Bon appetit and learning how to name French fruits and other food items. As always, we will consolidate previous language and learning.

Computing

Children will be further developing their **computer skills** this term by creating website designs. 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.

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.

Art Design and Design Technology.

Art this half term will be exploring Ancient Egyptian art and designing and making scrolls. After half term, the topic is textiles where we will be designing and making our own cushions.

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.