

Elf Owls

Spring Two Newsletter



What a fun and exciting start back to school! We have all enjoyed our Rainbow Challenges and loved our World Book Day!

Our Christian Value of the half term:

Forgiveness

Luke 6:37 - *'Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'*

During this half term your child will carry on learning through play, completing 'Rainbow Challenges' and adult focus groups. This is the term where Elf Owls need to become more independent with their learning and always persevere to try to complete their learning to the best of their abilities.

Our current topic - Let's Explore the World.

Last half term we did spend a lot of time learning about our world in Geography. We also will discover the journey of how chocolate is made and where it comes from, including Fairtrade this half term.

Writing

The main focus for our writing skills is writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In school your child will explore story writing more and any story-writing at home will be beneficial (this will be part of this half term's homework).

Our text type this half term include, non-fiction- writing a letter to a monkey for our 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' our Talk 4 Writing text.

Reading

As a daily task, children are to read part of, or a whole book, this is to build their fluency.

For their comprehension skills I will send home comprehension questions you can ask whilst listening to your child read.

It is highly important that children read at home and practise their sounds and CEW and this is a priority for home learning.

For your child to be on the correct book band, they must have 95% fluency without overt sounding out and blending (they should only say the whole word aloud, not the individual sounds, 95% of the time), with this in mind, your child might stay on their current book band longer until they recognise the sounds quicker and gain more fluency.

Phonics

Children have a daily phonics sound to learn and we have started a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle.

We are learning Phase 5 and there are plenty of resources online at littlewandle.com that can consolidate your child's learning.

There are 45 common exception words which need to be learned by the end of Year One which I sent home earlier on in the year. If your child can read and spell these independently, they can move on to Year Two CEW which I can send home on request.

Maths

Our first unit of learning for Spring Two in maths is place value to 50. We also need to make sure we are secure in number bonds to 10 and 20, as well as addition and

subtraction to 20. We will be applying this learning in problem solving and investigative contexts.

P.E

This half term your child will be learning Multi-Skills, which will be taught by myself a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes dress in P.E clothes which are suitable for inside and outside P.E.

PHSE

During our continuing COVID-recovery, **Hambleton considers Personal, Health, Social & Economic Education (PHSE)** to be a 'core' area of learning for all of our children. We use our exciting new 'Jigsaw' scheme to teach PHSE weekly (for more details on Jigsaw see PHSE under the Curriculum section of our website). Every Jigsaw lesson includes a focus on mindfulness. In Elf Owls, this half terms unit is called '*Healthy Me*' and includes a focus on how to be healthy.

If you have any questions or queries please speak before or after school or if you need to arrange a telephone call please contact Mrs Shaw and I will try my best to help!

Kind Regards,
Miss Denison