



Spring Term 2022

Little Owls

Whole School Topic – ‘Let’s Explore the World’



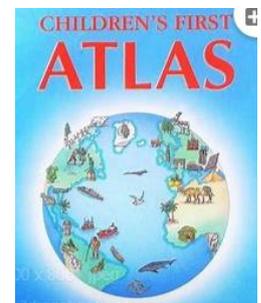
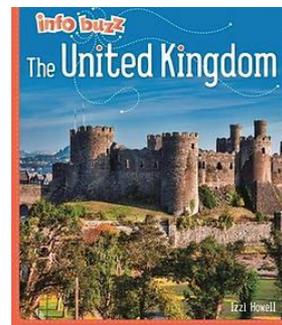
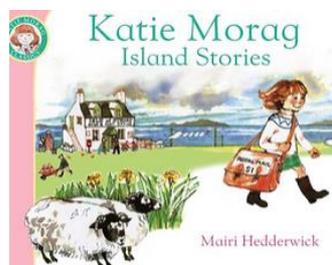
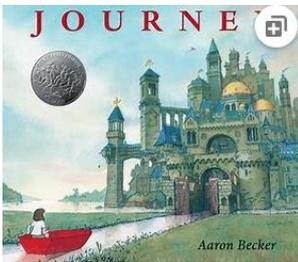
Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term and managed to get out despite the weather. We had lots of fun last half term and ended by making our ginger bread men and fruity faces.

Our worship theme this half term is, **Forgiveness**. We are learning to use our words when we are upset, understand things from a different point of view and make amends, what this looks like and how it makes us feel.

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

Our topic this half term is **homes, where we live and around the world**.

For this we will be reading many books such as...



Literacy

In our literacy lessons we will be focusing on the story of The Billy Goats Gruff for our fiction text, learning the story orally and creating a text map, then creating our own stories through changing the characters and setting. We will then move on to creating postcards as we explore different places to live around the world.

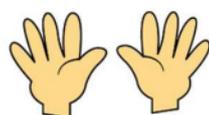
Phonics

Little Owls are really enjoying using Little Wandle for our phonics lessons, the pictures (which were sent home last half term) have been a great hit, especially or- born with a horn and er- a bigger digger. The focus this half term is consolidating and applying these digraphs (2 letters 1 sound). The children need to be able to recognise them within words and then begin to apply them to their spelling as we move towards writing sentences. Please continue to practise regularly at home so the children embed these sounds, use the pictures to help prompt their memory, working towards recognising the sounds without the pictures.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing our work in the phase of growing 6,7,8 before moving onto building 9,10.

The children will continue to apply counting principles when counting to 9 and 10 (forwards and backwards). We will be representing 9 and 10 in different ways, noticing that a tens frame is full when there is 10 and using tens frames, fingers and beads to subitise groups of 9 and 10.





Jigsaw – Healthy Me

This unit focuses on lessons which cover, everyone's body, we like to move it move it, food glorious food, sweet dreams, keeping clean and stranger danger.

The children really enjoy our Jigsaw lessons. They are able to meditate for as long as the chime rings and last half term explored their dreams and goals. Their aspirations for the future range from being DJs, vets and pilots to mermaids.

Physical Development - Games: Best of Balls!

During this set of six lessons, children will learn lots of different things to do with a ball. They will practise and develop skills which include controlling a ball, rolling and throwing a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching a ball and striking a ball. They will develop individual skills, as well as learning how to play a few simple games and become part of a team.



Reminders

Your child will need their water bottle each day, these need to be clearly **labelled** and also a healthy snack, it is a long time until lunch! Having a **snack** of fruit, vegetable and maybe a cracker will keep us going until lunch arrives.

School milk is free for four year olds, but you still have to register if you would like your child to receive milk. Once they turn five milk has to be paid for. This can be done on the Cool Milk website www.coolmilk.com

Reading books are changed on a weekly basis, please read regularly with your child, reading books should be read at least three times to ensure fluent, confident reading as well as asking questions to help your child's comprehension skills.

New phonemes and tricky words will be added to books as and when your child is ready. Regular practise at home is essential.

WE NEED: Little Owls love creating, please can you save your cardboard boxes for junk modelling!!

OUTSIDE: to develop our gross motor skills the children love to paint, we need large paint brushes and rollers, so we can pretend to decorate our outside area. If you've recently been decorating or feel it's time to update your brushes please may we have the worn out ones?

Toilet accidents can often happen at school, we keep a small amount of spares but when these are sent home sometimes they don't always return. Please can you send in any spare pants/socks especially girls for our spares?



Before school we can be busy, helping the children into school and starting the day, after school we will be available if you would like an informal chat. If you would rather you can always call or email the school office for any queries or questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

From

Mrs Savage and Mrs Bingham