

Information for Parents 2017

Spring Term Update



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Happy New Year! Here's a short update of what is going to be happening in Barn Owls class in 2017, and a recap of exciting events already had!

Upcoming Class Themes

Let's Explore the World - An Arctic Adventure!



During Spring Term, the Barn Owl topic theme will be 'An Arctic Adventure' - encompassing Science, Geography and Art amongst others! This learning has been solely led by the children's inquisitive questions raised at the end of the Autumn term. The children will be writing some information guides in English and helping some husky dogs with a big problem in Science. Exciting times ahead!



An adventure also awaits us from 27th to 29th March on our first ever residential trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Adventure Centre! This will be an excellent opportunity for the children to gain independence whilst having lots of fun with their friends. The children will be partaking in a range of age-appropriate outdoor activities which will be engaging,

exciting and hands-on.

Last term's Memories ☺: What a term we have had! Barn Owls have been very busy throughout the Autumn term - they made exploding rockets, crazy cocktails and we even managed to investigate some shadows on a rare day of sunshine! We enjoyed a fantastic trip to Magna Science Museum where we explored the 4 elements through a variety of interactive activities. Finally, of course, the children did brilliantly with the Christmas nativity play - 'Shine, Star, Shine!'. Well done!

Supporting Children at Home: Each morning and/or afternoon, the children work on their basic facts/skills, such as grammar, spelling, handwriting, number bonds and times tables. We do this through a variety of activities such as card games, grammar exercises, Mathletics, Maths Training on the DSs, and guided/shared reading. Expectations in year 2 are high and the children are expected to be able read and spell their common exception words independently by the end of the academic year.

Evidence shows that daily reinforcement at home (reading, spellings, Mathletics/Spellodrome,) greatly benefits your child's progress. Thank you for your ongoing help with this - if you need any help please do ask us!



☺ Thank you again for your continued support - here's to a fantastic Spring term in Barn Owls! ☺