

Brilliant Barn Owls

Summer Term 1 newsletter



**Sunshine and flowers – the signs of summer!
Let's hope the sun comes out and stays out
for the rest of the school year so we can get
outside and have some fun.**

Our whole school topic is
'Questions and Creativity'
Our whole school Christian Value is
Service



Our topic- Let's get growing!

For our topic this half term we will be finding out about plants. We will be growing plants, learning about different parts of plants and what parts of plants we can and do eat.

We will grow some salad plants and during the second half of the summer term, we will be eating them!

Year 2 science objectives for plants are:

- ☑ - observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- ☑ - find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Writing

We will be writing a sequel story for a well-known fairy tale. We will use the text 'Jim and the Beanstalk' and eventually create our own sequel.

We will focus on subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but), the correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing, using progressive past tense and speech marks for direct speech,

A common target in children's writing is spelling. This will be a focus for children as to meet age related expectations at the end of this year, children need to be spelling most common exception words correctly. We will continue learning spelling rules we need to know in year 2.

Reading

I am so proud of all the children's progress in reading. They are all becoming fabulous and fluent readers. Please continue to support this at home and encourage expression when reading aloud. Asking them a couple of questions about the text will help develop their comprehension skills too. If your child is also reading an AR book they will continue to bring how a banded book until they move into year 3. If your child wants to read other texts at home too that would be great!

We will teach reading through whole class reading where we will read as a class and practise different reading skills across the week. During this time, we practise blending and decoding words using phonics, literal retrieval from the text and inference about the text.

Maths

We will finish our money unit and then move onto learning fractions, time and measures. Children in year 2 need to be able to:


- identify $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, of a number or shape, and know that all parts must be equal parts of the whole
- write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$
- read and write the time to five minutes, including half past, quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times
- know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.
- compare and sequence intervals of time e.g. which is longer: 30 minutes or quarter of an hour?

We still have **Times Table Rock Stars** to access at home. You will find your log in details in the homework book – if you need a reminder just ask. This is an excellent resource to help support mental maths skills.

PE

PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons for this half term and please send your child with a jumper as PE will continue to be outside if possible.

Snack



Please make sure you **only send your child with a fresh or a dried fruit snack for snack time.** We have snack at morning playtime. If you pay for milk through 'cool milk' please check whether your child wants this. We usually have a few cartons left that are being wasted.

Please remember to only send water in water bottles to drink through the day -a hydrated brain is an active one!

If you have any urgent questions or queries, please ring the office or send an email.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Harpham and Mrs. Mills