

Elf Owls Summer One Newsletter



The value for this half term is: Service
*'Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have
done.'* Proverbs 19:17

It has been a very sunny and exciting start back to school! We will have lots of fun over this next term and hopefully learn outside more in the lovely weather!

During this half term your child will transition to formal learning to support their transition to Barn Owls in September. They have gradually built up to formal learning and are taking to the challenge brilliantly!

Our current topic – Questions and Creativity

This half term we will be learning about animals and our local area, through creativity and questions. We will explore different types of text types, especially non-fiction writing.

Writing

The main focus for our writing skills include writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and increasing the amount. In school your child will explore non-fiction writing and learn to write information posters. As a class we will learn how to create information books and the key features that are needed.

Reading

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

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle reading scheme and your child will read their book three times at school before bringing it home to practice. 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.

Reading books will be changed every FRIDAY and they will also choose a library book.

Phonics

Children have a daily phonics sound to learn and working within Phase 5 following Little Wandle.

We are learning Phase 5 and there are plenty of resources online at littlewandle.com that can consolidate your child's learning as we come closer to the phonics screening.

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 Summer One in maths is multiplication and division, focusing on multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be using problem solving skills to investigate doubles and introduce fractions such as a half, towards the end of this half term.

P.E

This half term your child will be learning skills for sports week, which will be taught by Mr Cinar on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes dress in P.E clothes which are suitable for inside and outside P.E.

PHSE

Hambleton considers Personal, Health, Social & Economic Education (PHSE) to be a 'core' area of learning for all of our children. We will continue to use the '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 '*Relationships*' and includes a focus on what makes a good relationship with each other.

Miss Richardson will continue to teach the class on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. She will teach Science and our unit this half term focuses on plants.

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. It has been a brilliant year so far and I am really looking forward to this term being full of learning, fun and happiness!!!

Kind Regards,
Miss Tucker