



Welcome Back!

We hope you've all enjoyed the Easter holidays, we've got a busy half term ahead with lots to pack in!!



As we are a Christian school collective worship is part of our daily routine. Our worship theme this half term is Service. We will be discussing how we can help each other, working together to achieve common goals.

*'Give, and it will be given to you' (Luke 6:38)*



In Literacy we will be learning the story of The Tiny Seeds by Eric Carle. As we explore the book over the half term we will be writing labels and captions, advice, retelling the story in our own words, writing in role and writing a letter. Writing is a big focus for the term in Little Owls. Please encourage your child to write stories, lists, instructions and recipes at home. If your child has become to love writing yet focus on their fine motor skills, threading, Lego, using beads and playing with play dough will help them to develop their finger muscles.

Our overall topic this half term is Growing, we will explore this through craft activities, a dance unit on the enormous turnip and also growing lots of different types of seeds especially bean seeds to see who can grow the tallest beanstalk! Outside the children will be encouraged to plant different seeds using the mud pit and explore different herbs for their creations in the mud kitchen.

Phonics

	Phase 4	New tricky words
Week 1	short vowels CVCC	said so have like
Week 2	short vowels CVCC CCVC	some come love do
Week 3	short vowels CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC longer words	were here little says
Week 4	longer words compound words	there when what one
Week 5	root words ending in: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/ -est	out today

Above is the coverage for our phonics lessons this half term as well as the new tricky words.

Went help tent wind hand – these are examples of short vowels cvcc, compound words are words like blanket and blossom. Phonics is taught daily where we learn to hear, read, say and write new words.

**Reading books** – Please read regularly with your child, if they find it hard to read the whole book in one sitting, break it down to just a page or you read a page then they read a page to build their confidence. Keep it fun, reading or working on phonics in short bursts when your child is focussed and engaged. Books will be changed on a Friday.

## Maths

This term we consolidate 10, the children will be looking at different number patterns, recognising numerals and beginning to add and subtract. Then we progress to odds and evens as well as finding doubles. You can help by regularly playing counting games at home, encourage your child to count as you work through the day, how many shoes on the shoe rack? How many apples in the fruit bowl? What if we add the amount of apples and bananas together? As your children becomes more confident encourage them to record their number sentences.



### Jigsaw

This half term our topic is **relationships**. We will learn what it means to be a friend, how to make friends, what it is like to be lonely and how we can have kind as well as unkind words.

**PE** – our PE day is still on a Tuesday, please come to school in PE kit.

### RE - Which stories are special and why?

The children will have the opportunity to talk about stories that are special to them as well as learning stories from the Bible the Calming of the Storm, the parable of the two sons, David and Goliath, and comparing these with the first revelation of the Qur'an.

**Reminders** - Please make sure long hair is tied back at school. It keeps children safe when they are playing and exploring and also keeps head lice under control. Fingers crossed we get some glorious sunshine so please send in named sun hats and sun cream. Your child will need to apply their sun cream by themselves so have a practise at home first.

A small snack will help your child stay focussed and make it through the morning until lunch. Please make the snacks small and mostly fruit/veg based. All children should bring a named water bottle to school daily and those on the milk register will receive milk.

Spare pants, socks and tights!

Accidents happen at school and we regularly hand out spare pants and socks which we have provided but these are now in short supply. Please if your child has borrowed any spare clothes we'd love them returned. We get messy and dirty throughout the day if your child could bring their own spare clothes in their school bag it would help the day to run smoothly. Thank you



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.

From

Mrs Savage and Mrs Bingham