



Eagle Owls Class

Spring 2024

Second Half term



FORGIVENESS



Our Christian values for this half term is 'forgiveness'

Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others (Matthew 6:12)

“Without forgiveness there is no future.... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person” Desmond Tutu

I hope you have all had a relaxing half term and an enjoyable break. The children had a great first half term and we were so proud of their resilience and compassion that they have towards each other. We are looking forward to another fantastic, hardworking Spring term full of exciting learning and new opportunities.

We are continuing our topic 'Let's explore the world' and looking forwards to the terms 'landing school celebration event', a 'Hambleton World Street Food Festival.'

A 'Curriculum map' outlining the topic areas in more detail, can be found in your child's 'Home School Journal'.

Spring 2024 Spelling Coverage
<i>A copy of the statutory spelling list can be found in your child's 'Home School Journal'</i>
Learning to spell and write in context words from the statutory Y5/Y6 word list - spellings are a part of the expected weekly homework.
<p>Spellings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for learning words: words from the statutory spelling list - review • Silent letters • i before e except after c • words that can be nouns and verbs
Spring 2024 Grammar & punctuation Coverage (Including Revision of previous term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech / dialogue • Direct and reported speech • Word classes e.g. determiners, pronouns etc. • Synonyms and antonyms • Standard and non-standard English - tense agreement • Subjunctive tense/mood • Revision of all tense: perfect and progressive
English Focus - First half term
Narrative: character and dialogue focus
Information: texts, reports, recounts & biography
Maths Focus
Number: decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, statistics & area and perimeter

The pupils are taught Maths using the 'Mastery approach'. Regular practise of instant recall facts such as multiplication facts/related division facts, and concepts such as time that you can do with your child to support their learning will be greatly appreciated. Your child has a login to **Times Table Rockstars**, and can be used to make regular times table practise fun and successfully boost times tables recall speeds.



The Year Six children are continuing to use their three **SATs question homework books** (English, Comprehension and Maths). Sections will be given to be completed as part of their homework on a **weekly basis**. Your child will be asked in school time to write down the pages to be completed and the date given, in the front of the relevant book and an information slip is given. **Example practise question papers** for Maths, Reading and Grammar will also be given to your child to complete as part of their homework and this will continue until the summer term. This weekly homework will be given on a **Friday morning** to be completed by the following **Wednesday morning**. There will be time in class allocated to go through the homework in detail and for your child to mark it. Homework reinforces what your child is learning in school and will always be related to the weeks learning. It also gives you a further opportunity to become involved in the learning process.

PE sessions this term will continue to take place on a **Friday**. Pupils will need to wear red t-shirt and black shorts. For outdoor games the children may also wear additional warm clothing suitable for the activity - appropriate footwear (trainers or boots) and a change of socks are also necessary. **No jewellery** should be worn for health and safety reasons, and earrings should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own, it would be helpful if they were to leave them at home on days when they know they are doing physical activities. If your child has long hair, please include a band so it can be tied back during PE sessions for health and safety reasons. **Water bottles need to be taken home each day and come to school the following morning already full of fresh water.**

Your child's **reading experience** is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in a classroom and in the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

As a parent/carer/grandparent at Hambleton you can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading alongside your child every evening/morning and by asking questions about what is read for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents/carers reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'. Encouraging your child to read daily has huge benefits and develops skills that your child will carry throughout life.

Below is a list of some ways in which you could support your child in their reading.

- ✓ Give your child access to plenty of texts on many different topics and by a wide range of authors who write in different styles, e.g. Roald Dahl, Michael Morpurgo to Anthony Horowitz.

- ✓ Encourage discussion with your child when pronouncing new words if their reasonable attempt does not sound correct.
- ✓ Broaden the vocabulary you use when speaking to your child and be prepared to clarify the meaning of a wider range of words, modelling them within sentences.
- ✓ Encourage your child to read silently to themselves but check their understanding of what they have read after doing so.
- ✓ Read difficult texts to your child and allow them the chance to listen and ask questions.



The children are looking forward to 'World Book Day' where our focus will be 'the fun of reading'.

There will be time on World Book Day to discuss the characters that your child has chosen to dress up as, and to share with others the book from which their character is taken.



Many of the children have been enjoying the opportunity to participate in our bespoke 'Hambleton Young Leaders' initiative with the following aims:



- To learn more about themselves and others.
- To give all children opportunity to recognise leadership skills in themselves and other people.
- To develop new skills.
- To learn more about relationships with peer group/other children/adults.
- To encourage co-operation, teamwork, self-confidence, independence and communication.

This as a unique opportunity, bespoke to Hambleton Primary School and we appreciate your support in enabling your child to achieve success in the scheme. Please send in via email a picture that you have taken of your child achieving one of their young Leaders Goals.

I very much look forward to working together to enable your child to do their very best and thank you for your continuing support. Should there be any questions about the information given here, or in general, please contact us at school to discuss them.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Fogg



Please note that Year 6 SATs are due to take place during the **week of 13th to 16th of May, 2024.** Further information and guidance will be offered closer to May.