



Spring Term 2023

Little Owls

Whole school topic – ‘Let’s Explore the World’



Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term and managed to get out and about.

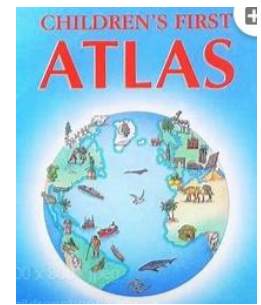
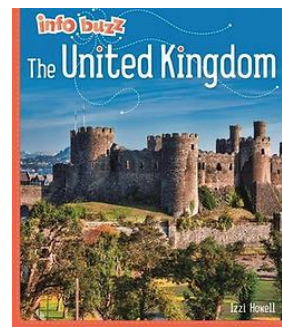
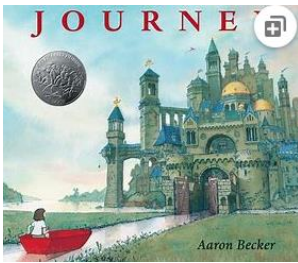
Our worship theme this half term is **Forgiveness**. We will be thinking about what this means to us, how we can show it through what we say and do.

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

Our topic this half term is **homes, where we live and around the world**.

For this we will be reading many books such as...



Literacy

In our literacy lessons we will begin by writing instructions for making gingerbread men following on from last half term, learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. After this we will be focusing on the story of The Billy Goats Gruff for our fiction text, learning the story orally and creating a text map, then creating our own stories through changing the characters and setting.

Phonics

focus this half term is consolidating and applying the digraphs taught last half term (2 letters, 1 sound). The children need to be able to recognise them within words and then begin to apply them to their spelling as we move towards writing sentences. Please continue to practise regularly at home so the children embed these sounds, use the pictures to help prompt their memory, working towards recognising the sounds without the pictures.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing our work in the phase of growing 6,7,8 before moving onto building 9,10.

The children will continue to apply counting principles when counting to 9 and 10 (forwards and backwards). We will be representing 9 and 10 in different ways, noticing that a tens frame is full when there is 10 and using tens frames, fingers and beads to subitise groups of 9 and 10.





Jigsaw – Healthy Me

This unit focuses on lessons which cover, everyone's body, we like to move it move it, food glorious food, sweet dreams, keeping clean and stranger danger.

The children really enjoy our Jigsaw lessons. They are able to meditate for as long as the chime rings and last half term explored their dreams and goals. Their aspirations for the future range from being DJs, vets and pilots to mermaids.

Physical Development - Games: Best of Balls!

During this set of lessons, children will learn lots of different things to do with a ball. They will practise and develop skills which include controlling a ball, rolling and throwing a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching a ball and striking a ball. They will develop individual skills, as well as learning how to play a few simple games and become part of a team.



Reminders

Your child will need their water bottle each day, these need to be clearly **labelled** and also a healthy snack, it is a long time until lunch! Having a **snack** of fruit and or vegetable will keep us going until lunch arrives.

School milk is free for 4-year-olds, but you still have to register if you would like your child to receive milk. Once they turn 5, milk has to be paid for. This can be done on the Cool Milk website www.coolmilk.com

Reading books are changed on a weekly basis, please read regularly with your child, they are very proud of their new skills.

We are always developing our learning space, would you have any large paint brushes and rollers, so we can pretend to decorate our outside area. If you've recently been decorating or feel it's time to update your brushes please may we have the worn out ones?



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.

Thank you for your continued support.

From

Mrs Savage, Mrs Bingham, Mrs Laycock and Mrs Fawcett.