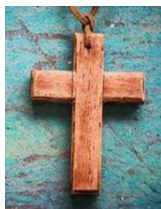


Little Owls Autumn 2 Newsletter.

Welcome Back!

The class have enjoyed talking about their adventures over half term, especially all their exciting costumes for Halloween. Everyone seems to have grown and it's great to see eager faces at the gate every morning.



As we are a Christian school collective worship is part of our daily routine. *Our whole school Christian Value is trust – **My God is my strength in whom I trust - Psalm 18.2***

Little Owls will be exploring Bible stories and thinking of how we can show trust.

Little Owls have joined whole school Collective Worship this week, and we will be part of Wise Owls on Fridays. These assemblies take place between 9-9:30am and all parents are welcome. Each class choose a child/children to celebrate for week. If you child has been chosen you will receive an email on Thursdays, but please try to keep this a secret from your child!

In English we will be learning the story of Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. Firstly, we read the story several times, then use drama, props and actions to act out the story and we create a 'text map' where we use symbols to draw the story. As the children become familiar with the story we will change certain elements to create a new story of their own. We could end up with a story about foxes and cubs in a den or maybe hedgehogs but it will follow the pattern of Owl Babies.



Our overall topic this half term is **Celebrations**, we have started with Halloween, then Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, advent, class birthdays, Hannukah and Christmas ending the term with our Little Owls Nativity play.

We are now learning to write our names, developing our pencil grip and phoneme/grapheme correspondence as well as some CVC words. The children have made great progress and are beginning to write their names independently on their creations.

Our RE unit focuses on The Christmas Story, learning about **Why Christmas is special for Christians?** The class will explore different parts of the story and understand how Christians celebrate, what might happen in Church, School and Home.



Hambleton considers **Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE)** to be a 'core' area of learning for all of our children. We use our exciting new 'Jigsaw' scheme to teach PSHE weekly (for more details on Jigsaw see PSHE under the Curriculum section of our website). Every Jigsaw lesson includes a focus on mindfulness.

In Little Owls, this half terms unit is called **Celebrating Difference** Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

PE – We start our PE sessions on Tuesdays this half term. Please send your child to school in their PE kit, a red t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, a black hoodie/jumper/school jumper and appropriate footwear such as trainers. PE will start in the hall for this half term as we explore gymnastics through our jungle in the gym unit.

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. Head lice thrive in a school environment and are really common. Regular checking of your child's hair as well as tying long hair back will stop any outbreaks.

A small snack will help your child stay focussed and make it through the morning until lunch, this term we have introduced a rolling snack time to encourage independence, for safety there is always an adult near by the designated snack area. The children are learning to notice when they are hungry or thirsty, how this makes them feel and what they can do about it. This helps to develop their self-awareness as they can access the milk and snack as and when they feel the need.



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, Mrs Bingham and Mrs Laycock