

Elf Owls

Summer Two Newsletter



Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed half term, despite the mixed weather, and you are ready for the final half term of year one!

The phonics screening is taking place the week beginning 9th of June.

Our Christian Value this half term is: *Truthfulness*

I am the way, the Truth and the light. No one comes to the Father, except through me - John 14:6

During this half term we are in full structure as they will be when in Barn Owls. They have already done this for a half term and are doing brilliantly with focusing at their tables for longer periods of time.

Our current topic Questions and Creativity

This half term we will be learning about significant people. We will focus on the lives of significant individuals in the past that have made contributions to national and international achievements. We will look at people like Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Marie Curie, Nelson Mandela and Queen Elizabeth the 1st.

Writing

Our writing skills will continue to be focused on writing longer sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as embellishing using adjectives or verbs independently. Across the term:

- leaving spaces between words
- joining words and joining clauses using "and"
- beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

Our text this half term is Leo and the Octopus! This links perfectly with our school trip! Focusing on creating posters, letters of advice, factual descriptions, log books and our final piece will be a fact file.

Our class trip: We excitingly will be going to the Deep on June 20th! You should have received a letter regarding this with a form to fill in.

Reading

Elf Owls read to an adult at least 3 times in a week practicing their decoding, prosody and comprehension skills.

Reading books will be changed every **FRIDAY** with a phonics homework sheet. The sheet will focus on words for the phonics screening.

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

Every **Monday** they will also choose a book to take home from the library. Please bring in library books to be changed on Mondays.

Phonics

The phonics screening will take place the week beginning 9th of June. The assessment will be carried out by me in a quiet room. The children understand it as

aliens coming to see if they can trick them, they can only send the aliens away if they read all the words! Children will continue to have daily phonics following the Little Wandle scheme.

There are 45 common exception words which need to be learned by the end of year 1 which I sent home earlier on in the year. If your child can read and spell these independently, they can move on to year 2 CEW which I can send home on request.

Maths

Our first unit of learning for Summer in maths is multiplication and division: counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We then move on to fractions (finding a half) and then covering money and time. We will continue to consolidate partitioning numbers and focus on numbers up to 100 ready for Barn Owls.

P.E

This half term your child will continue learning activities leading to games, ready for sports day! This will still be taught by myself on a Monday morning. Please ensure your child comes dressed in P.E clothes which are suitable for inside and outside P.E. We will have an additional PE session on a Thursday afternoon, your child will need trainers but not a PE kit.

PHSE

In Elf Owls, this half terms unit is about changing me. It covers: life cycles, changing me, my changing body, boys' and girls' bodies, learning and growing and coping with changes. I am happy to discuss this in more detail if needed!

Mrs Laycock will continue to teach Elf Owls on a Thursday afternoon, teaching topic and the active PE session.

If you have any questions or queries I am always available at the gate or please contact Mrs Shaw to arrange a phone call or in person meeting. I will always try to make myself available!

Elf Owls have been amazing this year, I am looking forward to another fun half term and them having a well-earned summer holiday!

Kind Regards,
Miss Tucker