

Welcome Terrific Tawny Owls!



Summer 2 Newsletter

We've made it to the last half term! What an incredible year we've had, it has been jam-packed with exciting new learning and experiences. I am so proud of each and every one of you!

Christian Value: Truthfulness

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

The way of peace is the way of the truth. Truthfulness is even more important than peacefulness - Mahatma Gandhi

Topic:

In Topic, we are continuing our History unit, the Romans! An absolutely thrilling topic with so many interesting facts to learn and discussions to be had. We have already started learning about the Roman army and how they invaded Britain. Next we will be taking a closer look into the impact the Romans had on our way of life.

Writing:

This half term, we're focusing on non-fiction writing and writing instructions on how to become a Roman Soldier. We're using a fantastic information text called Roman Soldiers by Tegan Evans to help us learn how to use technical vocabulary, imperative verbs and organise factual information into paragraphs with subheadings. We will continue to push ourselves with our handwriting this term, perfecting our joining and letter formation as we begin to think ahead to using handwriting pens in Year 4!

PSHE:

In our weekly PHSE sessions we will complete a unit on 'Changing Me'.

Spelling:

We will be continuing to follow a thorough spelling scheme which covers the Year 3 statutory spelling words. Our weekly lists will be sent out with homework on a Friday, please get creative in how you practice these at home (rainbow spellings, pyramid spellings, sentences and stories, pictures, songs, actions, etc.)

Reading:

In Guided Reading we will be finishing George's Marvellous Medicine before moving onto some historical fiction based on the Romans. We will be doing 'popcorn reading' in class where we all take it in turns to read out loud and continuing to practise key reading skills such as: inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and vocabulary.

I've been so impressed with the effort with AR so far – well done everyone! **Please can you remember that AR books should be brought into school every day** as we provide independent reading times during the school day which is best utilized by reading their AR book. AR quizzes can be completed and books changed as and when needed. Library books are changed on a Friday. Please ensure all books are returned to school when your child has finished reading them to give others a chance to read our wide selection of library and AR books.

Homework

Weekly homework will continue in the same format of spellings, arithmetic and TT Rockstars. Please also continue to read daily with your child as fostering a love of reading at this age is crucial.

Maths:

To finish off the year we will be covering some of the shorter Maths topics including time, statistics and shape.

Maths Objectives

- Read time on a digital clock

- Use a.m. and p.m.
- Years, months and days
- Days and hours
- Hours and minutes (start and end times / durations)
- Minutes and seconds
- Units of time
- Problem solving
- Turns and angles
- Right angles
- Compare angles
- Measure and draw accurately
- Horizontal and vertical
- Parallel and perpendicular
- 2d shapes
- Draw polygons
- 3d shapes
- Pictograms
- Bar charts
- Collect and represent data

Science:

Tawny Owls have become experts in vocabulary throughout our humans and animals topic. We also researched names of human bones, designed a balanced meal and much more. This half term we will be making the most of the summer weather – where we

will be naming parts of plants and investigating what plants need to grow well. In our forces unit we will also be investigating magnetism and friction!

P.E.

P.E will continue to be on a Tuesday and our active session will be on a Friday. We will be focusing on rounders and athletics.

General reminders

- Water only in water bottles
- Fresh/dried fruit or veg for snack
- No toys/teddys/fidgets brought into school
- AR books in every day
- Full P.E kit on Tuesdays (no earrings)
- Trainers on Fridays (no earrings)

Thank you so much for your continued support, it means so much. I can't quite believe we've reached the final half term. The children have worked so hard this year and I'm so proud of their progress.

Best wishes,
Mrs Milton