

Elf Owls

Autumn Term Newsletter

The Christian value this half term is 'Generosity':

"God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9.7

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.



Welcome back everyone! We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, the children have all settled in well, and are quickly learning our new school routine.

Our first topic – Adventures in Time

This half term we will spend some time learning about homes in the past. We will find out about the best materials to use for certain objects such as a house and umbrellas in Science! We will be researching about the homes in the past and compare to homes today as well as imagining our dream home!

Writing

The main focus across the term for our writing skills is writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

This half term we will follow two books: 'Sidney, Stella and the moon' and 'The Naughty Bus'. We will learn how to write a fact file, report, posters and persuasive writing. Our focus will be to apply phonetic knowledge to spelling when writing and practicing common exception words.

Over the term we will cover:

- 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'

Reading

Reading will continue as it did in Little Owls. Your child will read their book three times at school before it being sent home on Friday for them to continue to practice. During this time, we practise blending and decoding words using phonics, literal retrieval from the text and inference about the text. The book will then be changed the following Friday.

Excitingly in Year 1 they have time in our library! Every Monday they will have time in the library and choose a book to read alongside you for pleasure

Library books will be changed on a **Monday** and Little Wandle reading books will **only** be changed on a **Friday**. Please ensure their book bags are in on Mondays and Fridays ready for changing.

Phonics

We have daily phonics where we learn new sounds and how to say, write and blend for reading and segment for spelling, building on what has been learnt in Little Owls and following the same structure.

We will be recapping to start with, and then progress onto new sounds. We will start with phase 3, then 4 and 5. There are also 45 common exception words which need to be learned by the end of year 1 – these will be sent home in home work books over the next few weeks.

Maths

Our first unit of learning in maths is place value covering counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 10, then to 20. We also make sure we are secure in number bonds to 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will be applying this learning in problem solving and investigative contexts.

PE

On Monday the children will have an active session during the day and will need to wear trainers to school. Our main PE session will be on Wednesday, so please come dressed in appropriate PE kit. Children will need black shorts or trousers and a red PE t-shirt in school. PE pumps and trainers are also useful as when possible PE will be outside.

Snack and Water Bottles

Please make sure you only send your child with a fresh or a dried fruit (healthy) snack for snack time.

Children in Year One do still get a fruit snack at school too. Children need to now bring in their own labelled water bottle each day. They can refill it within the school day but we please ask for it to be filled with water, not juice when they come to school.

Another reminder that the school is a nut-aware school and we ask that you check labels of any pre-made food your child brings to school as they are not allowed 'may contain' either.

Mornings can be hard to chat but please feel free to stop and talk after school or if you have anything urgent to discuss email the office and I will call you back.

I look forward to another happy and productive half term with you all.

Mrs Savage