

Elf Owls  
Autumn Two Half Term Newsletter



Our Christian value this half term is:  
compassion

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you – Ephesians 4:32*

Welcome back everyone! We have had a fantastic start to the new half term and the children have all settled in well again.

Our first topic – Adventures in Time

This second half term we will spend some time learning about toys in the past. In history we will be researching about toys in the past during the Victorian Era and compare them to our modern toys.

Writing

The continuing main focus for our writing skills is writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also have daily handwriting sessions at the start of each day.

This half term we will follow the book: The Naughty bus. We will learn how to write a letter and a diary entry! Our focus will be to apply phonetic knowledge to spelling when writing.

Over the term we will cover:

- leaving spaces between words
- joining words and joining clauses using "and" and 'but'
- 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

Your child will read in a reading group three times a week where we practise different reading skills across the week. During this time we practise blending and decoding words using phonics, literal retrieval from the text and inference about the text.

It is highly important that children read at home and practise their sounds and words.

Book changing day will **only** be on a **FRIDAY** and your child will receive **1 Little Wandle book** which they would have read 3 times at school. They will also have a library book sent home which will be changed on a **MONDAY** each week.

Phonics

Children have daily phonics where we learn new sounds and how to say, write and blend for reading and segment for spelling.

During our phonics sessions we will continue to grow the code and these will be sent home in your child's home learning book.

Maths

Our first unit of learning in maths is addition and subtraction. We need to 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. Then we will be moving onto shape for 2D and 3D.

PE

On a Monday they will need trainers for our active session. Wednesday is our full PE session, 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. Please can they come in in their PE kit in the morning. Gymnastics is our focus for this half term.

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 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.

This half term we welcome Mrs Ducker who will be working with us in Elf Owls for the majority of the week, as well as Mrs Laycock teaching Topic on Thursday afternoons.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to email Mrs Shaw and I will be happy to arrange a phone call or always available to chat on the gate at drop off times! Thank you to everyone for attending parents evening, we had a great start to the year and I can't wait for a fun filled half term, leading to the nativity!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Savage