

# Elf Owls

## Summer One Newsletter



**Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had lots of chocolate! It has been lovely to see everyone back at school, ready for an exciting term hopefully with lots of sun and outdoor learning!**

**Our Christian Value this half term is: friendship**

Encourage one another and build each other up. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

### Our current topic Questions and Creativity

#### Writing

The main focus for our writing skills will continue to be writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as applying conjunctions and 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 Iggy Peck the Architect! Focusing labels, captions, character comparisons and creating our

own thought and speech bubbles for characters! We have enjoyed exploring the role of an architect already using a variety of things to build with.

#### Reading

Continued from last term, Elf Owls will 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 and alien word practice. The sheet will cover all new sounds and words learnt through the week.

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

We are now focusing on the phonics screening which is coming up in June. Children have daily phonics following the Little Wandle scheme. Last half term we focused on recapping our learnt phase 5 sounds and began to apply these to decoding in alien words. Alien words are non-sense words which show how your child knows the phonetic sound. I will send home alien word practice sheets with the homework on a Friday to further support this.

#### Maths

Our first unit of learning for Summer in maths we cover multiplication and division focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

#### P.E

This half term your child will continue to have games on Wednesday afternoons, taught by Mr Cinar. Please send your child to school in their PE kit suitable for outside or inside PE.

## **PHSE**

In Elf Owls, this half terms unit is about relationships and includes: family, friends, people who help us and being our own best friend!

Mrs Laycock will continue to teach Elf Owls on a Thursday afternoon, teaching topic on Significant Women in History.

## **Science**

Our area of focus is Plants with particular interest in trees.

If you have any questions or queries please speak before or after school or if you need to arrange a telephone call please contact Mrs Shaw and I will try my best to help and make myself available!

We are into the final term of Year One and I am already so proud of everyone's progress. Ready for the final term!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Savage