

# Elf Owls

## Summer Two Newsletter



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

**The phonics screening is taking place the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> of June.**

**Our Christian Value this half term is: Respect.**

'Show proper respect to everyone, love your fellow believers, fear God, honour the emperor.'

1 Peter 2:17

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 this half term our topic work is all about our local area, We will be looking closely at Hambleton in aerial photographs and maps, understanding what makes it a village and comparing Hambleton to Leeds and York.

### 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! Focusing on creating posters, letters of advice, factual descriptions, log books and our final piece will be a fact file.

### 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Maths

Our first unit of learning for Summer in maths is partitioning numbers and focus on numbers up to 100. Followed by units on Money and Time.

### P.E

PE continues to be taught by Mr Cinar on a Wednesday afternoon, please come to school wearing appropriate PE kit and our active session remains on a Monday afternoon.

### 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!

The learning intentions we will cover are:

- I am starting to understand the life cycles of animals and humans
- I understand that changes happen as we grow and that this is OK
- I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same
- I know that changes are OK and that sometimes they will happen whether I want them to or not
- I know how my body has changed since I was a baby
- I understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates
- I can identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and use the correct names for these: penis, testicles, vulva, anus
- I can respect my body and understand which parts are private
- I understand that every time I learn something new I change a little bit
- I enjoy learning new things
- I can tell you about changes that have happened in my life
- I know some ways to cope with changes

### Science

Our unit this half term is Ourselves, linking with our PSHE unit. We explore our senses

and measure ourselves, looking at the amazing things our bodies can do.

### RE

Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

We will look at a Mezuzah, how it is used and how it has the words of the Shema inside.

Find out what Jewish people do in the home on Shabbat, including preparation for Shabbat, candles, blessing the children, wine, challah bread, family meal, rest. Explore how some Jewish people call it the 'day of delight', and celebrate God's creation (God rested on the seventh day). What is really good about having times of rest when life is busy? When do pupils have times of rest and for family in their home?

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,  
Mrs Savage and Mrs Ducker