

## Little Owls Autumn 2

Welcome Back!

It is lovely to have everyone back after the half term break, I hope you all had a fun and restful week. The class have enjoyed talking about their adventures over half term, especially all their exciting costumes for Halloween. Everyone seems to have grown and it's great to see eager faces at the gate every morning!



As we are a Christian school collective worship is part of our daily routine. *Our whole school Christian Value is Compassion – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” Ephesians 4:32*

Little Owls will be exploring Bible stories and thinking of how we can show compassion.

In Literacy we will be learning the story of Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. Firstly we read the story several times, then use drama, props and actions to act out the story before we then begin to write words and simple sentences about it with support. The class will be encouraged to change the story using their imagination, we could end up with a story about foxes and cubs in a den or maybe hedgehogs! We will also start doing some writing for our letters to Father Christmas! This excitement for the festive season will help them to be eager to write and increase their independence. I am happy to send home some of the requests in their letters, if Father Christmas needs some ideas...!



Our overall topic this half term is **Celebrations**, we have started with Halloween, then Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, advent, class birthdays, Hannukah and Christmas ending the term with our Little Owls Nativity play.

We are now learning to write our names, developing our pencil grip and phoneme/grapheme correspondence as well as some CVC words. The children have made great progress and are beginning to write their names independently on their creations.

Our RE unit focuses on The Christmas Story, learning about **Why do Christians perform plays at Christmas?** The class will explore different parts of the Christmas story and understand how Christians celebrate, what might happen in Church, School and Home. We will also be practicing for our Nativity performance in December!



In Little Owls, this half terms unit for PSHE (Jigsaw) is called Celebrating Difference, Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique. Please, if you have not already, could you send in a small family photo as we will need this for part of our unit. We discuss our families and will keep these pictures above their pegs.

**PE** – We start our PE sessions on Tuesdays this half term (week commencing 10/11/25). Please send your child to school in their PE kit, a red t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, a black hoodie/jumper/school jumper and appropriate footwear such as trainers. PE will start in the hall for this half term as we explore gymnastics through our jungle in the gym unit.

**Reminders** - Please make sure long hair is tied back at school. It keeps children safe when they are playing and exploring and also keeps head lice under control. Head lice thrive in a school environment and are really common. Regular checking of your child's hair as well as tying long hair back will stop any outbreaks.

A small snack will help your child stay focussed and make it through the morning until lunch. Please send in a healthy snack for them to enjoy, we also will provide a fresh fruit and vegetable tray daily that they can choose from.

Little Owls have settled in so well and should be very proud of themselves! I have loved getting to know them this past half term and can't wait for another fun filled half term leading up to Christmas! I am always available on the gate for a quick conversation or if you would like to arrange an appointment please contact the office and I will do my best to be available.

Miss Tucker ☺

