



## Welcome Back!

We hope you've all enjoyed the Easter holidays, we've got a busy half term ahead with lots to pack in!! The children have settled straight back into school routine and it was lovely to be back together as a class!



As we are a Christian school collective worship is part of our daily routine. Our worship theme this half term is Friendship –

'You are better off having a friend than being all alone... If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble'  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

## Literacy

In Literacy we will be learning the story of Izzy Gizmo. Writing is a big focus for the term in Little Owls. Please encourage your child to write stories, lists, instructions, captions, simple phrases and recipes at home. If your child has not come to love writing yet focus on their fine motor skills, threading, Lego, using beads and playing with play dough will help them to develop their finger muscles in order to best prepare them for Year 1. This story focuses on resilience and being an inventor so we will be completing lots of designs, construction and planning along with our story!

Our overall topic this half term is Growing, we will explore this through craft activities, a dance unit on the enormous turnip and also growing lots of different types of seeds especially bean seeds to see who can grow the tallest beanstalk! Outside the children will be encouraged to plant different seeds using the mud pit and explore different herbs for their creations in the mud kitchen as well as watching our plants grow across the term.

## Phonics

	Phase 4	New tricky words
Week 1	short vowels CVCC	said so have like
Week 2	short vowels CVCC CCVC	some come love do
Week 3	short vowels CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC longer words	were here little says
Week 4	longer words compound words	there when what one
Week 5	root words ending in: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/ -est	out today

Above is the coverage for our phonics lessons this half term as well as the new tricky words.

Went help tent wind hand – these are examples of short vowels cvcc, compound words are words like blanket and blossom. Phonics is taught daily where we learn to hear, read, say and write new words.

**Reading books** – Please read regularly with your child, if they find it hard to read the whole book in one sitting, break it down to just a page or you read a page then they read a page to build their confidence. Keep

it fun, reading or working on phonics in short bursts when your child is focussed and engaged. Books will be changed on a Friday.

**Library:** Excitingly we will be going to the library from this half term! Every **THURSDAY** your child will be able to go to our school library and choose a book for pleasure. They can take this home to share with you and then bring back on the following Thursday in order to take out a new book.

## Maths

This half term we will consolidate our learning on the composition on numbers to 10, number bonds to 10 as well as exploring doubles, odds and evens. We start to look beyond 10, to 20. With Shapes we will be looking at 2d and 3d shapes, learning their names, seeing them in the environment and joining shapes together to make different ones.



## Jigsaw

This half term our topic is **relationships**. We will learn what it means to be a friend, how to make friends, what it is like to be lonely and how we can have kind as well as unkind words.

**PE** – our PE day is still on a Tuesday, please come to school in PE kit. We will be having a dance focus this half term, creating a dance to the story of The Enormous Turnip.

## RE - Which stories are special and why?

The children will have the opportunity to talk about stories that are special to them as well as learning stories from the Bible the Calming of the Storm, the parable of the two sons, David and Goliath, and comparing these with the first revelation of the Qur'an.

**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. **Fingers crossed we get some glorious sunshine so please send in named sun hats and sun cream. Your child will need to apply their sun cream by themselves so have a practise at home first.**



A small snack will help your child stay focussed and make it through the morning until lunch. Please make the snacks are **small and mostly fruit/veg based**. We have noticed an increase in crisps and chocolate treats being brought in for snack times, please remind your child to have these with their lunch.

All children should bring a named water bottle to school daily and those on the milk register should bring a named milk bottle. Ask your child if they would still like to receive milk, once they are five this is paid for. A lot of milk away at the end of the day.



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am always available on the gate for a brief chat in the morning or after school but if you would like to arrange a phone call or in person meeting please contact the office and I will be happy to arrange. I can't believe we are already into the final term of the year, they have been incredible at settling into Hambleton and I am excited to see how much progress they will make this term!

Miss Tucker ☺