

Welcome Tawny Owls!



Spring 1 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back Tawny Owls! I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break and are excited to get back to our learning, I know I am!

Christian Value: Courage

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Topic:

This term our whole school topic is about exploring the world! In our Geography lessons, we will be naming and locating cities across the UK, understanding the water cycle, explaining weather patterns in certain parts of Europe and using key vocabulary such as: latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn, and Arctic & Antarctic Circle.

Writing:

We will be reading and diving into My Name is not Refugee, a beautiful, empathy-boosting picture book written and illustrated in an accessible way for children to understand the plight of a refugee family. Our learning will involve finding key ingredients, practising applying features and working on our editing and polished pieces. Running alongside this, our grammar will include different sentence types including those which start with conjunctions, prepositions and fronted adverbials.

Spelling:

We will be focusing on the suffixes -ness -ful -ment and -ly this half term, not only spelling the words correctly but using them correctly in sentences.

Reading:

This half term we are reading The BFG for our guided reading sessions. This involves taking part in a whole class discussion about the story and practising key reading skills such as: inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and vocabulary. Regular reading at home will greatly support your child's progress in the AR scheme and our guided reading sessions.

Maths:

This half term we are beginning our multiplication and division unit, which largely involves learning and applying knowledge of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. As this can be quite a tricky area for children, I would greatly appreciate it if you are able to continue our learning of the 3, 4 and 8 times table at home. Whether that is singing a song, playing a game before tea or counting in eights in the car. Please continue to encourage children to practise their rapid recall on *TTRockstars*. Usernames and passwords should be stuck in homework books but do let me know if you need your login details again.

Science:

We are moving onto animals including humans which involves learning about the human body! We will have fantastic fun using our scientific enquiry skills to learn about our skeleton, muscles. We will also be learning all about what the human body needs to stay healthy, what nutritious food looks like and looking at food packets to learn about what is in food.

PE:

Please can I ask that Tawny Owls come into school on Thursdays in their PE kits and trainers on Tuesdays.

Homework:

The tremendous effort in homework in Tawny Owls does not go unnoticed, I very much appreciate it and a little bit of spelling and arithmetic practice at home really does go a long way. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding homework.

As always, if you have any questions or queries related to your child or their

learning. I am more than happy to help, please contact the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can. I have loved teaching your children and look forward to working with you all this term.

Best wishes,
Miss Lawrence

Writing		Maths	
Text type: Recount –diary entry (non-fiction) Grammar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tenses - past and present perfect ○ Commas in a list - using commas and 'and' ○ Adverbs expressing time - then, next, soon ○ Prepositions expressing time - before, after, during, in, because of ○ Fronted adverbials followed by a comma: <u>Later that day, I heard the good news</u> 		Multiplication & Division Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checking answers (using the inverse) ○ Recapping making groups and sharing ○ Multiply by 3 / 4 / 8 ○ Divide by 3 / 4 / 8 ○ Comparing statements ○ Related calculations Arithmetic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables and the corresponding division facts ○ Doubles and halves up to 500. 	
Spellings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suffixes '-ness' '-ful' ○ Prefixes -sub -tele ○ Contractions ○ Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt 'ch'. Also 's', 'ss(ion/ure)' ○ Suffixes '-less' '-ly' 		Guided Reading The BFG By Roald Dahl AR quizzes & book changes throughout the week (when needed) Reading groups continued	
		Geography -Identify the Equator, Northern Hemisphere & Southern Hemisphere. -Name and locate the cities of the UK -Identify physical and human features of locality -Explain weather conditions/patterns around the UK and parts of Europe -Use and interpret maps, globes, atlases and digital computer mapping to locate countries and features. With Miss Appleton on a Thursday	DT/Art -Looking at the work and style of Andy Warhol to learn how to create pop art pieces.
RE and PSHE Religious Festivals -What is worth celebrating? -What do festivals mean for religious communities? -Diwali, Holi, Ramadan and Pesach Dreams and Goals -Exploring their goals in life and overcoming challenges.	Science Animals including Humans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat • identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement 		Computing Stop start animation PE Gymnastics with Miss Appleton on Thursday Team games or yoga on Tuesday with Miss Appleton