

Welcome Terrific Tawny Owls!



Spring 2 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back terrific Tawny Owls! I hope that you enjoyed your half term and are ready to continue to fantastic learning journey!

Our Christian Value this half term is:
Forgiveness

Make allowances for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13

Topic:

This term our whole school topic is about exploring the world! In class, our topic continues with a Geography focus on rainforests. We will be looking at rainforest biomes including the structure of the rainforest layers, who and what lives in the rainforests and how they are changing due to human intervention.

Writing:

We are continuing our learning on recount, using the books *The Great Kapok Tree* and *The Tin Forest*. We will be exploring these great texts to create persuasive pieces of work all about the rainforest. A key focus in our writing this half term is self-assessment against our Steps to Success and editing and redrafting accordingly.

Spelling:

We will begin working our way through the Year 3/4 national curriculum spellings this half term which include words with rules we have previously covered and a range of phonics sounds.

Reading:

This half term we are reading *The Firework Makers Daughter* for our guided reading sessions. This will be the first time the class are introduced to a KS2 style of guided reading, where we take turns to read out loud ('popcorn reading') and each child follows along in their own copy of the text. This greatly improves fluency, confidence and comprehension. Children need to bring their AR book into school every day as well as reading it at home. Regular reading at home will greatly support their progress. AR books can be changed as and when needed after completing a quiz in school and library books will continue to be changed on a Friday. Any questions on reading books/AR please ask!

Maths:

This half term we are moving onto fractions, mass and capacity. We are also focusing on solidifying our ability to use the column method to add and subtract. Please continue to encourage children to practise their rapid recall of times tables on *TTRockstars*.

Science:

This half term we are focusing on plants! This exciting topic looks at the different parts of the plant, how to look after them and how they reproduce.

PE:

This half term's P.E. topic is OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)



Which involves orienteering, problem solving and teambuilding activities.
Please can I ask that Tawny Owls come into school on Tuesdays in their PE kits and trainers on Thursdays.

P.S.H.E

Our Jigsaw P.S.H.E unit this half term is 'Healthy Me'. We will learn about keeping our bodies healthy and safe, this includes discussions around understanding the safety of medicine and drugs. We will also be discussing the level of risk of different choices.

DT

This half term in DT, we are focusing on wearable technology. This includes looking at how technology can be used to keep us safe and how micro-bits are used to create such pieces.

Homework:

The continued, 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.

Teachers:

We are very pleased to continue to have Miss Appleton teaching P.E., science and P.S.H.E when I am on PPA.

As always, you know where I am 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.

Many Thanks,

Miss Lawrence