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Owls Link Up – Spring 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready to start the New Year. The children all seem very fresh, rested and happy and are already showing they are eager to learn.

In our whole class **English** lessons we will focus on types of sentences and grammar. We will be doing a lot of cross curricular writing, linking our topic and science learning with the grammar being taught. Some of our writing will include diary entries, science experiment write ups and evaluations of Art and Design and Technology work. Some children will continue to partake in Read, Write, Inc. sessions, looking at a different book each week, and some will join in with Literacy & Language. The focus of this half term's Literacy & Language is stories with a familiar setting. We will be reading 'Cottonwool Colin' and 'Sister for Sale'. The non-fiction unit looks at exploratory texts.

In **Maths** we will look continue to look at learning new skills and embedding those we already know. We will address place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, money, shape and direction. We will keep practising our times tables daily, and support at home to do this would have a great impact. By the end of the year, year 2 children should know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and division facts and year 3 should know these as well as the 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

Our topic for this term is '**Kings, Queens and Castles**'. This is a history base topic where we will explore famous monarchs, the parts of a castle and compare past Kings and Queens to modern times. Our **Geography** will link to our topic as we look at where in the world castles are. We will also continue to learn the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom, as well as surrounding seas. In our **Art and Design and Technology** lessons we will be creating some of our own royal artwork by using different mediums, such as oil pastels and charcoal. Later on in the term we will be making our own castles out of junk modelling, and then making a castle using clay. After half term, if you could collect and bring in any cardboard and recyclable materials for castle making that would be greatly appreciated. In **RE**, we are learning about special people, looking at some bible stories and exploring these in different ways. As we get closer to Easter we will learn the story of Jesus' crucifixion.

In **Science**, we are looking at Animals Including Humans by learning how animals grow, what keeps us healthy and how we move. After half term we will look at how plants grow and what they need to survive. We will continue to carry out experiments and practise observing closely.

Owls have **PE** every **Monday** and **Friday**. On Mondays, we will be indoors learning gymnastics and on Fridays we will be outside focusing on 'Fundamental Skills'. Children need both indoors and outdoors kit in school so they can participate fully and safely. Outdoor kit needs to include appropriate clothing for cold weather (e.g. leggings/jogging bottoms, jumper/sports jacket and socks). For indoor PE, children must have all jewellery removed or taped. Tape should be in the child's PE bag for them to put on.

Homework

Reading -Your child should bring their reading book home every night. I know that time is very tight in our busy lives but just ten minutes reading at home each morning or evening can make a big difference to the children's progress. Don't forget, if your child has moved on to the 'Accelerated Reader' scheme, you can log on to find out how well your child is performing in their comprehension quizzes. <https://ukhosted32.renlearn.co.uk/2233>

Topic - Topic homework will be set at the beginning of the term. Children may choose an activity to complete each week in their homework books. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school by Wednesday.

Spellings and Times Tables - Spellings and times tables will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested the following Thursday. The children will record the children's scores in their homework books each week so you can see how they're getting on.

Class DoJo

Since September we have been using 'Class DoJo' to reward children for their behaviour and learning. I have attached a code for you to log onto Class DoJo by either downloading the app or visiting 'classdojo.com' so you can see how your child is getting on at school each day. There is also the ability for me to share posts and messages with you. I am hoping to use this to share messages when necessary.

As always, if you have any worries, concerns or questions about any aspect of school life, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

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