



Owls' Newsletter Spring Term 2019

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have an exciting term ahead. Please see below for an overview of the work we will be doing over the coming term.

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term our topic is based on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and in English we will be reading <i>Stone Age Boy</i> by Satoshi Kitamura. This book will be the stimulus for role play and imaginative writing as the children imagine themselves in the same situation as the hero of the story. There will also be opportunities for non-fiction writing where the children can practice the skills they have learnt so far this year on organising information and using headings and sub-headings. The children will also learn how to write balanced arguments when they consider where they would have preferred to live if they went back in time to 400 AD – Iron age Britain or the Ancient Maya?</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Each day the children will take part in a daily Mathematics session. There will be a big focus on fractions this term. They will count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10. They will also recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions. The children will also solve problems involving measures, in particular length and money. Each week the children will continue to work on their basic maths skills to keep these skills sharp and to allow us to identify areas which need to be recapped, either individually, in a small group or as a class.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This half term science lessons will focus on rocks. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their simple, physical properties. We will be learning about the 3 types of rock and their properties. We will be looking at the conditions at specific stages of the rock cycle and linking these to the rocks structure. In the second half of the term the children will be learning about light.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>This term the children will learn what is meant by the term 'algorithm' They will learn how to code using Purple Mash. Knowing how to stay safe online will be a continued focus.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>This term will have a big history focus as we look back to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This will follow on from our work on the Ancient Maya as the children will be able to compare how civilisations in different parts of the world developed.</p>
<p>Art &</p> 	<p>In art the children will be developing their painting and drawing skills. They will be recreating art from the stone age in the form of cave paintings using different media. They will also be working with clay and other natural materials to create stone age utensils and make models of</p>

Design Technology	<p>stone age huts. In the second part of the half term in DT they will be making periscopes, linking to their science work on light.</p>
Music 	<p>This term the children will continue to develop their singing skills. They will also be learning to play the recorder and to read music. Each child will borrow a school recorder for the term which they will need to return at Easter.</p>
PSHE 	<p>Every week the children take part in Circle Time where we work together to build positive relationships and focus on our school values.</p>
Physical Education	<p>This half term the children will be developing their gymnastics skills with the visiting sports coach. They will also be working on improving their netball skills through various throwing and catching activities.</p>
Religious Education	<p>This half term in RE the children will be learning about the different beliefs and practices of Judaism. They will explore in detail the Jewish festival of Shabbat and learn how Jewish families celebrate the day. Later on in the term, the children will compare how people from different religions pray.</p>
MFL 	<p>This term the children will continue to learn German. They will talk, read, write and sing in German!</p>
Other Information and Finally	<p>Home learning will continue to be set each week. Please look on the Owls' home Learning page on the school website for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Julie Davison and Lauren Ferrett.</p>