












Owls' Newsletter Summer Term 2018

I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holiday. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Below is an overview of our learning for the term.

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term we will base our English lessons around two key texts: The Lost Words by Robert MacFarlane and The Land of Neverbelieve by Norman Messenger. These will inspire the children to write imaginatively as well as factually. They will start the term by investigating one of the 'lost words' and writing an acrostic poem using many of the writing features we have learnt over the last few months: adjectives, verbs and adverbs for description plus alliteration and word play. The Land of Neverbelieve will involve the children writing their own scientific journals describing the wonderful new creatures they find on their island.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Each day the children will take part in a daily mathematics session. Maths will be an important part of our science work this term. As part of our topic work we will be measuring plants and collecting and analysing data.</p> <p>During the first half of the term the children will be learning more formal methods for subtraction and applying these skills in problem solving activities. They will also continue to deepen their understanding of fractions and time. In the second half term there will be a focus on shape and measures. 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 or as a class.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term science lessons will focus on living things and how they grow. We will be learning about the parts of flowering plants and their function within the life cycle of the plant, as well as how plants have adapted to grow in different environments. We will be visiting the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge to see their amazing collection of plants. We will also be using classification tables to classify animals.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>This term's lessons will focus on using Paint to create artwork using the computer. The children will also learn to use spread sheets to collect their scientific data.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>As part of our work on plants we will be mapping out areas of interest on a village map, identifying different habitats within the local environment. We will also be designing our own maps as part of our work on The Land of Neverbelieve, identifying the human and physical geographical features of the island.</p>
<p>Art & Design Technology</p> 	<p>This term the children will be looking in detail at trees, plants and flowers and using them as a stimulus for improving their sketching and painting skills. In DT the children will be designing and constructing their own land of Neverbelieve.</p>

<p>Music</p> 	<p>This term we will be focusing on one of the BBC Ten Pieces (a collection of classical music specially chosen for primary school children). It is called A Bao A Qu from Anthology of Fantastic Zoology by Mason Bates. The children will use it as a stimulus for composing their own music using tuned and untuned percussion instruments.</p> <p>The children will also be performing in our annual singing concert as part of the village Feast Week celebrations.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>PHSE this term will involve the children working on a 'Grow Your Money' challenge as part of the PSHE unit on economic well-being. The children will work in teams on this project. Each team will be given a limited budget with which to purchase equipment. Their aim will be to make a profit by growing and selling their own plants.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p>	<p>This term's lessons will focus on athletics, cricket, tennis and dance. A visiting cricket coach will be working with the class for 6 weeks starting on the 17th April. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each day.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p>	<p>This term we will challenge the children's current perceptions of what a church is. We look at our local church but then compare it with churches around the world, identifying key similarities in building structure and use.</p>
<p>MFL</p> 	<p>This term we will continue learning German. Lessons will focus on embedding the vocabulary learnt so far as well as looking at new areas including parts of the body and weather. We will be speaking, reading, writing and singing in German!</p>
<p>Other Information</p>	<p>Home learning will follow the same format as last term. We will continue to set a fortnightly task where the children will have the opportunity to extend their learning at home in a creative manner. Spellings and times tables will continue as usual.</p>

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Davison