

Welcome Back Owl Class ☺

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to what the New Year brings.

Our theme this half term will be to start looking at the Vikings under the whole school, theme of 'Fire and Ice'. This follows on from the Anglo-Saxons and will also draw on our learning about settlements and land use.

Mrs Barrow ☺

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me ☺

Literacy

In this term's literacy, we will be reading the book 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindell. Set in a far away land, the story is about a boy who sets off on a dangerous adventure in order to save his younger brother. We will also be looking at the book 'There's a Viking in my bed and other short stories' by Jeremy Strong.

Every half term, we will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction text types such as diary entries, setting descriptions, newspaper articles, instructions etc.

To enhance your child's writing, individual reading, handwriting and SPAG sessions will continue to take place each week. Please continue to support Owl Class by completing spelling homework and reading at home.

Art and Design Technology

This half term we will be looking at how every picture tells a story. This will involve completing a number of Artist studies to broaden our knowledge of Art styles and develop our analytical skills.

History and Geography

This half term will be focussed on The Vikings. We will start by looking at who they were and address some of the misconceptions about them. We will then look at where they came from, their reasons for travelling and their lifestyle and beliefs.

Science

This half term, Owl class will be exploring the theme of 'Living things and their habitats'. They will be looking at grouping and classifying living things and thinking about their various needs.

Computing

Your child will have focussed Computing lessons each term. This term, the focus will be on looking at programming and repetition in shapes.

During theme lessons, we will be using the internet for research in order to develop digital literacy skills.



Homework
Spelling tests will take place on Thursday mornings and spellings will be handed out on the Thursday for the following week. The lists can be found in reading diaries.

Reading

Please hear your child read and record this in your child's diary. This can be a school reading book, an online reading book or a reading material of your choice at home. Weekly comprehension will also be set to support the work we are doing in class.

Maths

Online maths work is accessible at www.mathletics.co.uk, <https://trockstars.com/> and on <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>.

It is also very important to practise times tables regularly at home.

SPAG

Children will be given weekly spellings every Thursday for a spelling test the following week.

Maths

Week 1 – Place value and numbers

Week 2 – Addition and Subtraction

Week 3 – Measurement-Time focus

Week 4 – Measurement-Time focus

Week 5 – Geometry

Week 6 – Fractions and decimals

Music

In music the Owls will be looking at a Viking song and will be working on singing as part of a group. This will involve listening to music and listening carefully to others in order to practise timings and various singing techniques.

PE

PE will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to arrive dressed in their PE kit for the day.

Polite reminder: Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for outdoor PE e.g. trainers, hoody, coat and hat. They must also bring a water bottle.

Swimming

Swimming will take place on Thursday mornings starting from Thursday 19th January. Children are required to bring a swimming kit. Please see swimming letter for further information

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Our key question this half term is

- What do different people believe about God?

PSHE

Our scheme of work this half term covers 'Money Matters' and will explore the various ways that money affects our everyday life. We will think about different ways to look after our money, budgeting and how money can impact on our lives.