



## TARGETS

Your child's writing and maths targets are reviewed termly and will be displayed on their learning group tables.

After half term it will be the Owls turn to go swimming. They will be walking down to the swimming pool so it will be really important that their swimming bag is in school and they have a waterproof coat to wear.

## HOMWORK CHALLENGES

**Starting week beginning 14th January**

Homework will return to normal this term, being given on a Tuesday and to be returned on a Monday. As well as homework being set it is vital that you practise weekly spellings with you child as well as regular reading and times tables practice and in particular the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

### Accelerated Reader

The children will start to be bringing back an AR book. The children need to read this book 3 times then come back to school and complete a small quiz. These books are designed to assess the children's understanding of the text and not of their ability to decode the words, so don't be alarmed if you think the words are too easy for them!



## Owl CLASS

Spring Term 2019



**WELCOME** to Owl Class with Mrs tucker and Mrs Harding!

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Happy New Year! And welcome back to another term in the Owl class! We have a busy term planned with a new topic, great books to read, and a new science focus! Remember to check in on the website where you will find all the current planning. If you have any concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please feel free come in and see us after school.

Thank you!

Mrs Harding and Mrs Tucker

### Open Mornings

Open mornings will take place on the last Friday of the month between 8:50-9:10.

This is a chance for you to come and look at your child's work and ask any questions.

### P.E Days

This term P.E will take place on Tuesday's and Friday's.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school!

## **TOPIC**

We have two topics this term, the first is geography based and is titled *Wonderful Water*. During this topic we will look at the uses of water, water around the world and the water cycle. The children will use Chrome books and atlases to discover the pattern of water and its scarcity in certain areas. We will also explore art and poetry around the beauty of water. We then move on to a history based topic of *The Victorian Era* in Barnstaple which will be more of a local study to compare how the town changed through the reign of Queen Victoria to the present day.

## **ENGLISH**

This term we will begin a new English sequence based on the story 'Lazy Jack'. This is a comical story in which the children will study, learn and innovate in order to create their own adaptation. Their grammatical focus is to create interesting openings and endings to their story, to set the scene and conclude their story. This will lead on to a non-fiction focus of writing a newspaper article.

After half term we begin a warning story sequence called Adventure at Sandy Cove which leads to a non-fiction recount piece of writing.

Our new years class story is *The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson. We will read this altogether with discussions and opportunities to share throughout. We will also share a range of poetry and non-fiction texts.

## **MATHS**

This term we move forward from addition and subtraction to multiplication and division. The children will learn how to solve problems mentally and using written methods. They will learn to solve problems involving those with missing numbers. All children will be working at their own level within maths. We are focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and these need to be practised at home as much as we practise them at school.

## **SCIENCE**

The children will begin this term with the topic *Animals including humans* which focuses on what humans need in terms of health and nutrition to survive. It also teaches children about the key aspects of the human skeleton and of muscles needed for movement and protection.

The second half term moves forward to forces and magnets where the children will learn about the forces involved in movement and magnetism, magnetic poles and about magnetic and non-magnetic items.

## **RE**

For the first half term, the children will be learning about Epiphany before moving on to revelations.

After half term the children learn about the religion of Judaism, exploring differences and possible similarities between the religions. Just before Easter is Holy Week.

## **PE**

This term sporting will begin to teach new focus of gymnastics. After half term will be the Owls turn to begin swimming lessons which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

## **COMPUTING**

We will explore communication and networks, algorithms and programming and development as well as the continuing importance of e-safety and knowing what is acceptable whilst playing and learning online.

## **PSHE**

This term we will begin with a focus titles *Be friendly, Be wise* which is about making and sustaining friendships, conflict resolution and anti-bullying.