



## TARGETS

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

### Swimming

Don't forget that this half term is our turn for swimming. Letters have all been sent home. Swimming will be on a Wednesday afternoon, so please make sure kit is in school. Please also ensure your child has a hooded waterproof coat for the walk to the pool.

### HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Starting week beginning 8th January

Homework will return to normal this term, being set 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 your child as well as regular reading and times tables practice and in particular the 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. If they score 100% they get to move onto the next level of book. 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 2018



WELCOME to Owl Class with Miss Mitchell and Mrs Harding!  
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Happy New Year! And welcome back to the new term in the Owl class! We have a busy term ahead 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 to come in and see us after school.

Thank you,  
Mrs Harding and Miss Mitchell

#### Open Mornings

Open mornings will take place every Friday from 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 Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school!

## **TOPIC**

Our topic for this term is 'The Rainforest'. This is an incredibly exciting topic in which the children will discover exotic plant and animal life. It is geography based and so the children will use maps and chrome books to locate countries and environmental regions.

The children will learn the different levels of the rainforest, compare and contrast habitats and study the impact of deforestation.

## **ENGLISH**

This term we will begin a new English sequence based on the story 'The Papaya That Spoke'. 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 use speech punctuation correctly and to use a range of conjunctions to make their writing more interesting. Focus for the second half of the term is to be confirmed.

Our first class book is the Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith.

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. They 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.

## **SCIENCE**

The children will begin this term being personal trainers under the title curriculum title 'Animals As Humans'. The class has been split into teams, each with their own client in which they need to advise about their diet and exercise in order to become healthier and happier.

For the second half term the children will learn about light and shadow.

## **RE**

For the first half term, the children will continue with Christmas with the title Epiphany before moving on to revelations.

After half term the children learn about lent in the lead up to Easter before moving on to Holy week.

## **PE**

This term Sporting World continue to teach our children a new focus of gymnastics.

We will also be enjoying swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be walking to the swimming pool each week so please ensure you send your children to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories.

## **COMPUTING**

We will explore communication and networks, e-safety, algorithms and programming and development.

## **PSHE**

This term we will begin with a focus title *Be friendly, Be wise.*