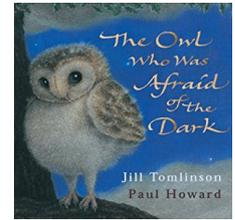


Class 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2017



Topic

This half term our book will be the brilliant 'The Owl who is Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. Within this topic we will be exploring the themes of 'facing fears/bravery, 'growth mindset' and 'encouragement', using both the context of the book and the children's own experiences. The book is all about a baby owl who is frightened of the dark, but learns from lots of different characters about all of the wonderful things that happen at night, such as fireworks and campfires, nocturnal animals, the starry sky and of course, it's when Father Christmas comes! We will be covering lots of the animal and habitat objectives in the science curriculum, as well as covering art, music and history.

Reading

The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. program for phonics. They will have daily phonic sessions, where they will learn and develop their knowledge of letters and sounds.

For those children who have completed the Read Write Inc. scheme, they will be moving onto the Year 1 and Year 2 spelling rules.

Please hear your child read as regularly as possible, both school books and books from home. Discussing stories is as important as reading them, as this gives your child a solid understanding of what they are reading. It is this understanding that will allow them to develop as higher level readers. Please note in your child's reading record when you have read with your child; this could be a school book or their own book. Your child will receive a Dojo each time they read at home!

Maths

This half term the children will continue to look at addition and subtraction, firstly using concrete methods to gain a secure understanding of the concept of adding and taking away, before moving onto the bar model method. The Year 2 children will be using their place value knowledge as a strategy. They will also use the inverse to solve missing number problems. The children will then move onto multiplication and division and solving problems using grouping and sharing. The Year 2 children will begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times table. The children will also look at 2D and 3D shapes.

R.E

Our unit of work in RE this half term will be all about celebrations. We will explore the true meaning of Christmas for Christians, as well as learning more about other Christian celebrations. We will also learn what special celebrations take place in other religions.

English

This half term we will be spending lots of time looking at sentence structure and developing secure understanding of what a sentence actually is. We will look at simple, compound and complex sentences and how to correctly punctuate these sentences. We will also begin to explore the four types of sentences (statement, question, command and exclamation) and think about when we might use these.

We will develop our creative writing through Big Writing sessions, in which the children are exposed to high level vocabulary and different genres of texts. In order to link with our topic, our main text focus will be diaries and descriptive writing.

We will also do lots of writing in topic, such as writing menus, writing labels, lists and captions and fact files, to name but a few.

PE

Children will have two PE sessions a week, both with a professional PE coach. As these sessions are both outdoors, please provide your child with **tracksuit bottoms** and a school **PE jumper**.

PE kit should be brought on a Monday and all items should be clearly named.

Forest School Afternoon

As part of our topic, all children will be spending an afternoon in Forest School in the week 6-11th November. To link with bonfire night and campfires, we will be making and burning a Guy, as well as building a fire and toasting marshmallows.

Any boxes/cartons/tubes that could be used for making the Guy would be greatly received!

Cinema Visit: **Thursday 23rd November**