



Year 2 Owls Autumn 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!



Our learning will be centered around food this half term.

### History and Geography

In geography, we will learn about where our food comes from. We will be tasting different foods and finding out why some fruits and vegetables can only be grown in warmer countries. We will explore how food travels from where it is grown to our shops, as well as learning what Fairtrade is and why it's so important.

### Reading

We will continue to do phonics for the first term of Year 2.

### Writing

We will be focusing our writing around Oliver's fruit salad, where we will be writing instructions on how to make a fruit salad after making our own.

Our punctuation focus will be on how to use capital letters and full stops. We will also be using adjectives and adverbs to make our instructions more interesting. Please see the link to support children when writing short sentences:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7s48hv>

### Maths

In maths this half term, we will be focusing on:

Place value:

Numbers to 100- reading, writing and using numbers to 100 and how many tens and ones there are in a given number.

Addition and subtraction- using number bonds and the column method to add 2 digit numbers.

Multiplication of 2, 5 and 10-learning the 2s 5s and 10s times tables.

To support your child's learning, there are a range of maths learning games/ activities that they enjoy playing, please see the link:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

Please support your child's learning at home by helping them to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars using: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

## **Trips and Visits**

In line with our science learning we will be visiting **London Zoo on the 4th October**. More information will be sent out closer to the time of the trip.



## **Campaign**

We will be looking at ways that we can keep eat healthily at school. We will be investigating what fairtrade is and we will be interviewing the school cook as well as finding out what we can add to our food to make it more healthy.

## **Science**

We will be learning about animals and humans. Through this we will explore what animals need to be healthy. For humans, we will consider what makes a healthy diet and how exercise helps to keep us healthy. We will be practicing the scientific skills of observation and drawing labeled diagrams.

## **ICT**

In computing we will be looking at IT all around us, learning about computing systems and networks. We will look at how information technology benefits society.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE, we will be exploring 'Being me in my world' whereby children will look into how their behaviours can impact others and they will be comparing their friends' choices and their own and deciding why some choices are better than others.

## **RE**

Our unit of RE this half term will focus on Hinduism and what Hindus believe in.

## **PE**

In PE we will be playing a range of sports including net games. PE is on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kits on **Thursdays**.

## **Music**

In music this half term, we will be using charanga to focus on south african styles of music and will be getting ready to learn our black history month song.

## **Spanish**

In Spanish, we will be learning how to say our age in Spanish as well as the letters of our names.

## **Art and DT**

In art this half term, we will be using mixed media to draw self portraits and still life.

## **Adults working in year 2:**

Class teachers- Miss Ahmed and Miss Thomson

Class teaching assistants- Mr Alexander and Miss Malcom

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