



Year 2 Owls Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn 2 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Autumn 2! Some of you may have met Mr Oyewole already, Mr Oyewole is the class teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays and Ms Ahmed is the class teacher on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Our learning will be centred around **Clothes** this term.

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about clothes. We will explore how the weather impacts the choice of clothing that we make and different clothes through different eras. We will learn about the Viking, Victorian and Tudor eras and the clothes that were worn and we will draw comparisons. We will also explore how clothes were made in the past compared to how clothes are made currently and we will have the chance to explore further when we visit the V&A clothes museum in a few weeks!

Reading

This half term we will continue to do phonics, with the focus of coming off the phonics programme by Christmas time.

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access the phonics set 1, 2 and 3 sounds at home using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3HRX2ywbog>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Clothes and the book 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' Using this text, the children will write a retell using their own words. During this unit, the pupils will be focusing on using exclamation sentences in their writing. For example:

How kind the giant was!

Please see the link below for further information linked to exclamation sentences:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3dcmsg>

Please support your child's handwriting and letter formation by practising and using the booklet that was sent home for half term. Alternatively, you could practise letter formation with your child using interactive games, using the following link:

<https://teacher.gynzy.com/en/board/1850d6e9-19eb-41c2-ad60-c1accb7fde10>

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Multiplication and division- using mental and written strategies to multiply and divide within the 2 5 and 10s timetables.

Length- measuring and comparing the lengths of different items using metres and centimetres.

Mass- measuring and comparing the mass of different items using grams and kilograms.

To support your child at home, you can use the following links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt9k7ty>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Dates for your Diary

Class trip- Friday 22nd November Y2 Victoria and Albert Museum trip

Class Family Sharing Assembly- Friday 6th December Family Sharing Assembly Y2

Halloween Event - Friday 8th November 3.30-5.30pm, children and families welcome

Run Gainsborough Run - The Olympic Marathon Track, Sunday 17th November, 2-4pm, children and families welcome

Zero Waste Hub - Saturday 23rd November 11-3pm, bring and swap shop and menders market, all families welcome

Tuesday 12th November Parent's Information Evening 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 12th November Tender online safety parent sessions 4pm and 5pm

Thursday 14th November Parent's Information Evening 4-6pm

Friday 15th November Wear spots for children in Need, donate £1

Friday 22nd November ODD SOCKS DAY, donate £1

Tuesday 26th November Individual and sibling pictures Years 1 -6

Wednesday 27th November No Pen's Day!

Wednesday 11th December Panto at Hackney Empire Years 2,4,5

Monday 16th December Parent's in Class 2.45pm Years 1-6

Thursday 19th December Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 Nativity at St Mary of Eton 10am

Thursday 19th December school closes at 2pm

Friday 20th December INSET day for Nursery, Reception and School staff



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Giving.' We will be learning about how we can help those that are less fortunate to stay warm during the colder months. We will be organising a coat drive, whereby we will be asking everyone to donate old coats that we can give to charity.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Materials'. We will explore different materials and their properties.

We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigations, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the materials we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgk7>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Creating media.' We will develop our understanding of using technology to create digital photography. We will use digital devices to create and edit digital images. We will use a range of devices, such as tablets, webcams and cameras to take photographs and different editing programmes and apps to edit these.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'celebrating difference.' During this topic, the children will think about and discuss how everyone is different from one another. We will also learn about using kind words to help others to feel welcome and what to do when someone is being bullied.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Judaism. Our key question is 'What values does Hanukkah teach?'

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on dance, gymnastics and yoga.

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursdays**.

Music

The children will be exploring big band, Motown and freedom songs. The children will also be working hard to learn different christmas songs ready for their performance in December!

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is around descriptions, numbers and colours. We will also link our spanish learning to our learning in writing, whereby the children will learn to describe 'The smartest Giant in Town' in Spanish.

Art and DT

This half term in Art, Year 2 will be doing weaving, which ties in with their learning about clothes.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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