

Owl Class Newsletter – Spring Term

If I haven't already greeted you – Happy New Year to everyone and thank you all for my lovely Christmas presents! I think we're all looking forward to the Spring term; not only in school terms where we seem to get loads done, but also with the promise of longer, lighter days, which always makes people feel more positive. Here is what I have planned for Owl class:

English

This term, the focus will be on a variety of non-chronological texts which will set out, balance and evaluate different points of view. The children will be taught how to write their own persuasive texts in the form of letters, adverts, leaflets, invitations, notices and public information documents. We will also be studying and comparing a range of poetic forms, eg kennings, haikus, tankas.

Maths

Revision of the four rules will be a priority, using different strategies where appropriate. The children will be constantly asked to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems. Other work will concentrate upon shapes, measures, fractions, decimals and percentages. We are happy to welcome back Jacky Allman for this term. This means that along with myself and Hanne Green, we are able to provide very concentrated maths support for the various groups within the cohort.

Science

The study of light and how we see things, changing simple electric circuits and then looking at the impact of diet and exercise on the human body are our main topics this term. The children will need to be able to design and conduct investigations in these areas so make sure your main fuse board is locked! (only joking!)

History

We will finish off our topic on crime and punishment through the ages. Exploring the reasons why such legends as Robin Hood and Dick Turpin were turned into heroes will be part of our studies. We shall end the topic with how the police force came about and then (hopefully) inviting a local magistrate in to talk about young people and the law.

Geography

As a little extra study, Owl class will be looking at Japan, its culture, people and traditions. We continue to discuss and locate world events. The children seem to be developing an interest in current affairs and handle the most sensitive issues in a mature way. Please assist your child in their exploring of the news – Remember the quotation "Knowledge is power" (Francis Bacon).

PE

There is a variety of competitions and tournaments the children will be able to participate in this term. Year 6 pupils also thoroughly enjoy Tom's early morning Mind Game sessions (which are free) each Monday at 7.45am.

SATs hour

Every Monday afternoon, the class will be looking at old SATs papers and questions in an endeavour to show them how to approach these tests; not so much hothousing, but rather tactics which should be employed to get the most out of test situations.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Cathy Newland