

Autumn Term 2017  
Year 3 and 4-Outstanding Owls!

Literacy

We will be reading and writing a range of text types-instructions, recounts, stories, poetry and novels. The children have been asked to read to an adult for 10 mins Monday-Thursday (have their reading record signed and returned daily), I will listen to each child once per week. They will also have guided reading time in small groups with an adult on a rotation.

Talk homework may be set whereby all you need to do is 'talk'. This will help support our writing sessions.

Numeracy

We will be following the New National Curriculum and the work will be differentiated for different ability levels. In addition to this we will complete mental maths activities, maths investigations and be learning our tables to 12. It would be beneficial if you could support the learning of the tables at home. Focus is to secure 2,5,10 then move onto the 3 and 4 times tables.

Science

Animals: skeletons and movement

We will find out about how animals, including humans, need specific nutrition to help them move and grow, and how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles to help their bodies move. With plenty of opportunities to carry out research and undertake practical investigations, these lessons are sure to get our scientific brains thinking.

Material Properties: States of Matter

We will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, and how different materials can change state. The class will have plenty of opportunities to undertake practical experiments to help them understand the processes of evaporation and condensation, as well as expressing their understanding in a variety of ways.

RE

Our focus this term will be Christianity. We will look closely at what it means to be inspirational and find out why some occasions are sacred to believers.

History

We will be taking part in an adventure...discovering the life of a Norman!  
Don't want to give too much away but it will be exciting!

Geography

Our European country study will be Italy. The children will find out about all the different aspects of this amazing, historic country. They will begin by learning where Italy is in the world, and then discover the physical geography of the country, with a focus on one of Italy's active volcanoes, Mount Vesuvius! Children will explore the country's many famous cities and landmarks, and immerse themselves in the culture of Italy.

Art-first half term

India: a country with diverse and fascinating religion, culture, art, theatre and festivals. We will learn about the traditional Indian art. We will explore historic Indian paintings and how they have changed over time, then challenge children to refine their own painting skills by producing their own works of art; learn how to create intricate Indian patterns with coloured felts, fine-tipped pens and block stamps, then use these patterns to make mehndi designs, create decorative elephants and make print on fabric; learn about Diwali, the festival of colours, then get a little messy using coloured salt to create rangoli circles inspired by images of the festival! I am so looking forward to this unit!

DT- second half term

In this unit we will attempt to make pencil cases so if you are a good needlework please let me know! The children will think about different materials used to make pencil cases and the different ways they are opened and closed. The class will learn how to use a variety of stitches including running stitch, whip stitch and back stitch, as well as how to decorate their pencil case creations!

PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday when we are not swimming. All children need to take part and have the correct kit- a different t-shirt from their daywear, a pair of shorts (leggings/tracksuit bottoms if outdoor however we will inform you of this if needed), pumps or trainers; no jewellery is to be worn and hair is to be tied back.

Swimming is on Thursday and again their own towels and swim bag are necessary. This is an excellent part of the curriculum and is £2. This is to be paid to the class teacher. This can be paid for weekly or per half term. Swimming will be on a rotation and we will let you know when it is our turn. (One piece costumes to be worn and no board shorts-tighter fitting swimwear for boys).

The Outstanding Owl class will also be working with Mrs Price in the morning, Mrs Robertson in the afternoon and occasionally Mr Garnett. Small groups may be withdrawn for additional support, intervention or reading.

I hope this has given you an idea as to what your child will be studying and any queries you have regarding this can be discussed at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Head  
Outstanding Owls