

Spring Term 2018 (B)  
Year 3 and 4-Outstanding Owls!  
Themes: Awe and Wonder and Once upon a dream

**Literacy**

We will be reading and writing a range of text types-persuasive texts, balanced arguments, poetry and stories. 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. Please do not feel your child has to read a full a book per night. We need them to understand the story, why the characters do what they do, be able to retell the story in their own words and read aloud with expression and understand all punctuation cues. This will help them as they journey through the school. Technical reading is fabulous, however secure understanding of what has been read is invaluable. Talk homework may be set whereby all you need to do is 'talk'-some note-taking may be necessary. 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 in Year 3. It is so important to continue to learn the tables set, not just by counting up the multiples, but knowing the related facts speedily. This term our focus will be multiplication and division-look out for our new working out strategies!

**Science**

Environment Living things and their habitats-Desert life

Find out all about the animals and plants that live in the desert in this fun, fact-filled science scheme of work for Year 3/4! Children will first explore what the desert habitat is like, before being introduced to a variety of animals who live there. They will learn how to group and then identify animals using classification keys. Children will then find out how both animals and plants have adapted to survive in the desert. Finally, they will explore 'who eats who' by looking at desert food chains.

Forces and Magnets

This 'Forces and Magnets' scheme of work is a great way to teach our KS2 Science class everything they need to know about forces and magnets! From pushes and pulls to uses for magnetic materials, our children will combine practical enquiry and scientific research to help them become more familiar with how forces and magnets work.

**RE**

Over this term, we will focus on the rites of passage for the followers of Islam and the Easter story with a focus on Christianity. We will also be reading the following stories from the Bible: A man sent from God, A terrible time for Jesus, Jesus chooses twelve helpers, The Woman at the well, Jesus stills the stormy sea.

**Geography**

In the desert: This unit will also be linked to our science topics this term.

Grab your water bottles and set off to the driest places on Earth with this 'In the Desert' Geography scheme of work for Year 3 and Year 4. Our class will learn what a desert is and where the major deserts of the world are, as well exploring the physical and human geography of the desert biome including deserts hot and cold, from the Sahara to the Antarctic. Exciting geographers I think!

**Art and DT**

We will continue our theme of Journeys, 'Awe and Wonder' by looking at the work of Paul Klee and his extraordinary artistic techniques. The children will be working alongside Mrs Robertson for this unit of work. Our DT focus will be food, this term we will be looking at making snacks using seasonal food.

## **PE**

PE is on a Tuesday and will be Invasion games. The children enjoyed their Stone Age dance last half term. All children need to take part and have the correct kit- a different t-shirt from their day-wear, a pair of shorts and pumps; 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 be in the Spring term. (**One piece costumes** to be worn and **no board shorts**-tighter fitting swimwear for boys, at the request of the baths as this is not leisure it is a formal lesson).

## **ICT**

This will be taught by Mrs Hodgkiss. This term we will focus on Digital Research and Data Handling.

## **Music**

This will be taught by Mrs Hodgkiss in the second half of the Spring term. We will be following a programme called Charanga.

## **Baking**

Each Owl team will bake once per half term. There will be a 50p payment for this activity and you will be informed when it will take place. The children bake with Mrs Robertson.

The Outstanding Owl class will also be working with Mrs Price in the morning and Mrs Robertson in the afternoon; Mrs Hodgkiss will cover PPA one afternoon per week. Small groups may be withdrawn for additional support, intervention or reading by the Owl Team Leaders.

I hope this has given you an idea as to what your child will be studying this term 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,

S.V.Head  
Stephanie Head and Owl Team  
Outstanding Owls

Note:  
Dinners £2.40 daily and should be ordered online at home  
Tuck shop to pay daily or weekly 20p per piece £1 for the week  
Cool Milk is a sign up scheme and must be paid for online

