

Owl Class

JANUARY 2022

Welcome back to school and happy new year.

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school and to hear about their holidays. It has also been good to welcome 5 new children into Owl Class. They have all settled in very quickly.

We have already started our learning about the Great Fire of London. The children have been watching and listening to information about this event.

Our learning this term will be mainly about: THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Literacy—Writing:

We will teach the majority of our literacy through the class project of The Great Fire of London.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using these as a starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Sequencing. We will be sequencing the events from the Great Fire and from the life of Samuel Pepys.
- Lists. We will be making lists of things that are special to us.
- Information texts. Our Talk for Writing text is a report about The Great Fire. We will read, learn, map and write the report. The children will use this as a starting point for their own report about the Great Fire of London.



Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children always love this topic and we are very excited about it. Our focus will be history but our learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Comparing London to East London.
- Looking at what London was like in the past.
- Making a time line of the Great Fire of London.
- Finding out about Samuel Pepys
- Learning about where the fire started and why it spread so quickly.
- Making pictures and collages of the fire.
- Learning about fire safety and the fire service.

In RE, we will be learning about symbols and signs in Christianity.



English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment, blend and change sounds in 5 and 6 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- This term some children will begin working on the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

SPELLINGS

Spellings will continue this term they are sent home on a Friday. Please can you return the yellow spelling book each Friday so they can stick their new words in.

On Friday mornings, spellings are 'tested' in an informal way to give me chance to see who has learned them but without

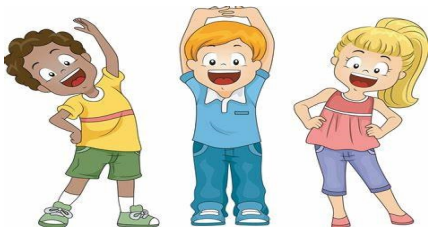
Homework

We will now be sending out termly home learning sheets and encouraging your child to bring in their homework as, and when, it is completed. We are no longer using home work books to do the work in. We will share and celebrate your child's work in class.

There is one piece of **COMPULSORY** homework this term. We would like every child to make a 3D model of a Tudor home. About the size of a cereal box. Please send it into school by Friday 4th February.

PE

This term, PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. Please check your child has a full PE kit in school. For Fridays session at the gym they need to have shorts in school. They will need dark joggers and a sweatshirt for sessions that will be outside. It is also useful for girls to keep a spare pair of socks in their PE bags.



Mathematics

This term, in mathematics sessions we will be revisiting the four different calculations.

We will also be :

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Consolidating place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers place value
- Comparing numbers
- Adding and subtracting using Numicon, number lines and jottings
- About 2D and 3D shapes



Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at Materials.

We will be:

- Looking at the properties of different materials.
- Comparing the uses of a variety of materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.
- Exploring how solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Year 3

On Friday mornings, the Year 3 children will continue to have a science lesson with Mrs Paylor Sutton and the Year 3/4 class. They will be learning about the human skeleton and muscles.

Diary Dates

5th January

Term 3 begins

21st January

Gulbenkian Theatre trip to watch 'Hibernation'

11th February

End of term

21st February

Term 4 Begins