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Owls Newsletter – Spring term 1, 2025

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of this exciting term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are on **History** and **Art**. In **History**, we will be studying Roman Britain. The children will develop an understanding of what life was like in Roman London. The children will gain a chronological awareness of when the Romans conquered Britain and will be able to place this on a timeline of other historical events. In **Art**, pupils will learn about great artists, architects and designers in history with a focus of Henri Rousseau. Children will use their sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas, improving their mastery of art and design techniques, focusing mainly on painting and colour mixing.

In **Maths** Pupils will be working to improve their use of formal written methods. Specifically focussing on multiplication and division of 3 and four digit numbers. We will also be enhancing our recall speed of multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 before continuing to improve our understanding of fractions and decimals.

In **English** this term pupils will be invited to create a personal project in the opening two weeks of term. Pupils will then move on to create an informational piece of writing. Homework during those weeks will include research to help support this writing. We are also eager to finish our class novel "Finding Bear." This novel is the sequel to "The Last bear" and has truly captivated the pupils.

Our **P.E.** curriculum will be delivered as part of active club on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays this half term, we will also be active at **Forest School** which will be happening on Wednesday afternoons for this half term. We have our weekly **music tuition** on Fridays. Please ensure pupils have everything they need on these days.

Home Learning Will continue to be given in the same format on Wednesdays, with weekly spellings on spelling shed and maths in home workbooks. We will also be setting weekly online times table challenges for the pupils to help pupils become more secure in these. If you have any queries, please do contact us. Thank you to those pupils who are also reading regularly at home; this is having a massive impact on your progress and you are flying up our reading challenge display! 😊

Thank you all for your continued support – If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr Varela
Mrs Reavis
Mrs Robson.