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Owls Newsletter – Spring term 1, 2023

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 **History** and **Art**. In **History** our topic is focussed on Roman London. 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. They will devise their own questions about what life was like during this period and make comparisons with other historical periods. In **Art** we will learn about great artists, architects and designers in history with a main 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** we 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.

In **English** we will be using the poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. After analysing this wonderful piece of literature, we will be creating our own nonsense poem; using rhyming couplets, verses, portmanteau words and many other techniques.

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Tuesday this half term, with extra lunchtime PE on Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. We are extremely excited to be working with our gymnastics coaches in our PE topic.

Home Learning will continue to be given in the same format on Fridays, although we will be setting some more activities online now we have been using these platforms in class (purple mash, bedrock and sumdog). 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 the children's progress and you are flying up our reading challenge display! 😊

Forest School will be happening on Thursday afternoons for this half term and we will also have our weekly flute tuition on Thursdays. Please ensure pupils have everything they need on these days.

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

Kind regards,

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Mrs Reavis
Mrs Robson.

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