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## Owls Newsletter – Summer term 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of this exciting term. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are enjoying the slightly warmer weather – long may it continue.

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are on **Design Technology** and **PSHE**. In **DT** The aim of this topic is for children to learn about how photo frames are developed and made through a process of research, design, make and evaluate. Pupils will start by investigating a range of photo frames, identifying what makes them successful and completing market research. Moving forward, we will create a design specification that we will use to build our own frames. When building the frames, we will learn to use a range of resources such as; saw, clamp, safety block, wood glue etc. and explore different joins.

In **PSHE** our topic is changing me; bodily changes at puberty are revisited with some additional vocabulary, particularly around menstruation. Sanitary health is taught, including introducing pupils to different sanitary and personal hygiene products. Conception and sexual intercourse are introduced in simple terms so the children understand that a baby is formed by the joining of an ovum and sperm. If you would like more information on this, please read our topic overview on the school webpage or contact us directly.

In **Maths** pupils will be working to improve their understanding of decimals and percentages; comparing fractions, decimals and percentages. We will identify patterns and complete missing number calculations before adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals.

In **English** we will working to use speech to move the action forward. We will be creating a powerful descriptive novel extract based on the music video Titanium!

Our **P.E.** focus this half term is swimming. We will be completing our weekly sessions on Wednesdays – all information needed was in the swimming letter but please reach out if you have any questions. We are delighted to also be participating in some specialised cricket coaching – this will take place on Fridays so can you please ensure all pupils have their PE kit for this day as well.

**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 your progress. It has been lovely to hear the children sharing so many book recommendations. We are excited to continue our new class novel "The London Eye Mystery".

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.