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Owls Newsletter – Spring term 1, 2024

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** our topic is Invaders and Settlers. Pupils will understand the Saxon and Viking period, sequencing these against other historical periods. We will explore what Britain was like before the Viking invasions and how these effected the lifestyle of people settling in Britain. We will learn about historical figures such as Alfred the great and explore what Viking life was like in Britain. We will explore when England became a unified country exploring the end of the Saxon/Viking era in Britain. In **Art** we are focusing on sculptures. Pupils will learn about key style indicators of artist Charles McGee including how black and white detail was incorporated into his structures. Children will make comparisons and explore a range of paper structure techniques. Children will then plan and create their own paper relief structure including some key style indicators from our chosen artist.

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.

In **English** pupil will be creating image poems based on the work of Christina Rossetti. We will also be starting an exciting new class novel "The Last Bear" by Hannah Gold in preparation for our persuasive piece later this half term. Pupils will be given the opportunity to present a persuasive piece on the effects of global warming.

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Wednesday this half term, with extra lunchtime PE on Wednesday and Friday, **Forest School** will be happening on Wednesday 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.

Home Learning Will continue to be given in the same format on Wednesdays, although we will be setting some more activities online now we have been using these platforms in class (Purple Mash 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 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.

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