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Owls Newsletter - Autumn Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term in Owls with plenty of fun and exciting activities planned.

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are on **Geography** and **Music**. In **Geography** our topic is focussed on Africa. Children to start by locating Africa on a map. We will then explore the different countries within Africa. After finishing our map work, we will compare two differing parts of Africa making comparison posters. Children will then have the chance to explore our trade links and how we are able to get exotic items so easily in our supermarkets.

In **Music** We will be studying the 'rap' music genre. The aim of this topic is to learn listen and appraise the Fresh prince of Bel Air and other hip-hop tunes, discussing the main features, as well as similarities and differences from other genres. We will then move onto musical activities that will include; vocal games, learning to sing the song, accompanying instruments and improvising with the song.

In **Maths** Pupils will be continuing with their number work, focusing on division and multiplication. Next, we will be exploring Area and perimeter. We have been enjoying our daily maths meetings and are looking forward to improving our key skills further.

In **English** we will be creating a non-chronological report based on the moon 'Pandora' from the film Avatar. Next, we will be creating some poetry – focussing on rhyming couplets and powerful stanzas.

Our **Guided Reading** will continue to explore a range of text types – building on our previous knowledge. We will continue to identify question types to help improve our comprehension answers and even look to create our own questions; becoming the teacher to test our working partners! Our class novel is 'Malamander; an exciting mystery book that we are already finding 'unputdonable'!!

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Wednesday 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.

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.

We are delighted to welcome **Wild East** into school – this charity works with schools to build our eco-awareness. They will be delivering whole school sessions as well as working closely with Owls to develop our wildlife garden and pledge some of our grounds to wildlife. Find out more at

<https://www.wildeast.co.uk/>

Kind regards,

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Mrs Reavis

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