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Owls Newsletter – Spring term 2, 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of this exciting term. We hope you all had a wonderful break and are enjoying the sunlight hours stretching out again – I know we are!

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are on **Geography** and **Music**. In **Geography** our topic is focussed on the water cycle. In this topic, children will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. We will start by labelling the water cycle and creating a diagram to explain its process. Then, we will move onto rivers and focus more specifically on the part they play. Once finished, we will explore how rivers have been used over time and how they can still affect us today. Finally, we will investigate our own uses of water and compare necessity and luxury.

In **Music** our topic is 70s pop! The aim of this topic is to learn listen and appraise a range of Abba pop songs including Dancing Queen, Winner Takes It All, Waterloo and more. We will discuss the key features of this genre and compare with other genres we have studied. 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 working to improve their understanding of fractions; comparing unit and non-unit, creating equivalences, exploring mixed numbers, converting improper fractions and finding fractions of shapes and numbers.

In **English** we will working to write persuasively. After investigating this genre and creating our own tool kit, we will use drama to enhance our understanding of a book before writing persuasively about saving the rain forest!

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 gymnastic 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 your 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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