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Owls Newsletter - Autumn Term 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer.

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are **History** and **Design Technology**. In **History** our topic is focussed on Ancient Egypt. Children will develop an understanding of the events during the Ancient Egyptian time period. Pupils will be able to make comparisons between the time periods of then and now. Pupils will explore how even in a difficult climate, famous monuments were created and farming was successful.

In **DT** Pupils will learn about the different types of stitches and their purpose. We will explore how to decorate a stitch and cross stitch. We will then learn what applique is and watch teacher modelling and videos to see it in action. We will design a patch and cushion from a given success criterion. Finally, we will evaluate our completed textile project.

In **Maths** we will be investigating place value including; rounding numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, negative numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also continue our daily 'maths meetings' to practise our mental calculations and reasoning. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore maths further using activities on Purple Mash, Sumdog and Topmarks.

In **English** we will write an instructional piece of writing. We are using "How to capture a Dragon" as inspiration for our instructions. We are studying the elements needed to create an instructional piece such as specialist vocabulary, bullet points, fronted adverbials and use of chronological order.

Our class novel is 'Journey To The River Sea' which we are already captivated by. We cannot wait to see what happens to Maia on her adventure into the Amazon!

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts and we will be investigating how to answer different question types including retrieval, inference and vocabulary in context. We are excited to select our class novel for the coming term also! Pupils are excited to receive their new bookmarks this week to kick start this years Reading Challenge!

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. Our topic this half term is football.

There will be English and Maths **Home Learning** each week. Maths, English and Weekly spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and due in on a Wednesday. Homework may have elements of online activities depending on our topic.

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Class Welcome to Parents

Class teachers are delighted to welcome parents into their pupil's classrooms on Tuesday 19th September. They will be sharing the routines, expectations and exciting learning experiences for the year ahead. The Parent's welcome in Larks and Robins will take place from 2.40-3.00pm. The Parent's welcome in Owls and Swans will take place from 3.00-3.20pm. Pupils will be dismissed as usual.

Kind regards,

Mr Varela

Mrs Reavis

Mrs Robson

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