



Owls' Class Newsletter- Term

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a fun yet restful break and that, like us, you are looking forward to the term ahead. We have many fun things planned this term including our reward for raising the most sponsorship money for completing the Fruit Run. We will be having a play session at Faversham Play Gym. We will have three mini topics this year, which will form the focus during both child initiated and directed activities. We will begin the term with a focus on toys before progressing to finding out about celebrations and finally Christmas.

Best wishes,
Miss Holness & Mrs Wiffen

Reading at Home

Thank you for your ongoing support with reading at home. We will continue to change reading books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will also reward those children who have read 5 times or more each Friday.

Don't forget that PE lessons take place every Wednesday afternoon!

Diary Dates

WB 12.11.18 Anti-Bullying Week
14.11.18 Parents Consultations
15.11.18 Parents Consultations
22.11.18 Height & Weight Checks
WB 26.11.18 Book Fair
12.12.18 Nativity
13.12.18 Nativity
17.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Mix Up Day
Christmas Dinner
18.12.18 Christmas Party
Last day of term
03.01.19 1st day of Term 3

Fancy a Challenge?

Why not try some of these activities to support your learning this term?

Topic


- Ask someone at home what sort of toys they played with as a child. Were these toys any different to the toys you play with?
- Choose some toys that you like from a catalogue or leaflet and cut them out to collage on a piece of paper.
- Find out what happens at a wedding or another celebration. Ask an adult what sort of celebrations you have taken part in. Are there photographs of these?

Literacy

- Continue reading your book regularly. Perhaps find someone different to read to. Have you ever read to a grandparent?
- Practise writing words which contain the sounds you know. Can you write the following words?
Cat, pop, mat, pin, sat, nip.
- Start to learn the tricky words listed on the next page.

Maths

- Practise writing numbers. Can you write numbers 1-10 correctly?
- Practise counting to 20 getting all of those tricky 'teen' numbers in order.
- Make sure that you can recognise and name the following shapes.
-square, triangle, rectangle and circle.



What are we learning this term?

***Toys-** We will be finding out about different toys looking at the different ways in which they work and the different things that each toy can do. We will be talking about our own favourite toys and special teddy bears. We will also explore how toys are suited to different age groups sorting toys which are suitable for babies and those which are suitable for children like us.

***Celebrations-** We will begin by talking about different celebrations that we have experienced sharing any photographs which we may have of these. We will learn what happens at different celebrations including weddings, christenings and birthday parties. We will make cupcakes like those which we may have at a birthday party in addition to making party hats. We will find out about bonfire night including the reasons why this is celebrated and the ways in which people celebrate as well as finding out about ways we can stay safe whilst celebrating.

***Christmas-** In addition to taking part in whole school and class based Christmas activities we will be learning the Christmas story and exploring why it is a significant story. We will also talk about ways that Christmas is celebrated and write letters to Father Christmas.

In addition to topic sessions we will also have regular Phonics, Literacy and Maths sessions. Our learning in these areas is outlined below...

***Phonics-** We will continue to recap the sounds we learnt last term in addition to learning new sounds. We will continue to practise how to segment and blend sounds in order to read simple words and sentences. In addition to learning new sounds we will also learn some tricky words which cannot be decoded using phonics and instead need to be recognised from memory.

The sounds which we will learn are...
ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

The Tricky Words we will learn are...
No, go, to, I, the, into

***Literacy-** In literacy we will focus our lessons around a variety of stories about toys which are listed below. We will apply the phonic sounds we know in order to write in a variety of contexts. We will progress from writing captions and lists to writing sentence like structures.

Old Bear (J.Hissey), Harry & his bucketful of Dinosaurs (I.Whybrow & A.Reynolds)
Kipper's Toybox (M.Inkpen)

***Maths-** Our tasks will continue to be split between sessions focussed on numbers and those focussed on shape, space and measure. This term we will continue to work on our ability to count a group of objects but progressing to counting up to 20 objects. We will also continue to try and write numbers correctly. Later this term, we will begin to learn about adding, finding out what happens if we combine two groups of objects. We will continue learning about shapes in addition to exploring and finding out about patterns and making our own patterns using different colours and shapes.