Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

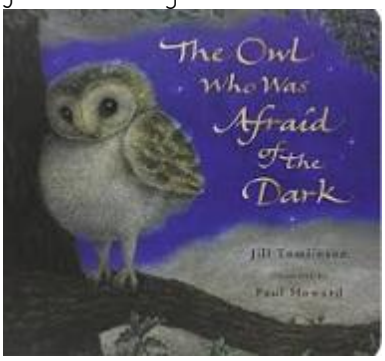
Autumn 2 2026-2027

Welcome back!

Don't forget to look at the dates for our Christmas Performance next month. We cannot wait to see you all in the audience cheering on your child! As usual, please do not forget to upload homework on to Class Dojo and complete Oxford Reading Buddy before the deadline.

English

In this half term, we will be using the core text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. As usual, please do not introduce the book to the children as this will take away from some of reading skills we focus on throughout the book.



End Outcome: To write a fact sheet about owls using information gathered from the text
Purpose: To inform
Audience: People interested in finding out more about owls

Key Skills we will be focusing on:

Gateway keys:

- Sequence sentences to form short narratives
- Join words and clauses using and
- Use subordination

Math

In this half term, we will be consolidating place value and continuing with addition and subtraction with renaming.

The children will also be learning about the following topics:

- Addition and subtraction: word problems
  - Introduction to bar models as a representation
  - Create, label and sketch bar models
- Measures: Length
  - Draw and measure lengths in centimetres
  - Use <, > and = to compare and order lengths in metres and centimetres
- Graphs
  - Represent and interpret: pictograms, block diagrams, tables and tally charts
- Multiplication and division
  - Explore multiplication and division through arrays

Foundation Subjects

This half term, children will be learning about the following topics in each subject.

- **Science**: Animals including Humans: Life Cycles and Health
- **Computing**: Programming 1: Algorithms & debugging
- **Geography**: Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?
- **Religious Education**: Who influences our lives?
- **Design & Technology**: Cooking and Nutrition: Balanced Diet
- **PSHE/RHE**: Health and Wellbeing

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(because) • Add suffixes to verbs where no change is needed to the root • Write expanded noun phrases to describe and specify **Mastery keys:** • Use co-ordination (but, or) • Add -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs • Use commas to separate items in a list **Feature keys:** • Specific vocabulary linked to the topic • Clear and precise description • Present tense • Title • Sub-Headings • Introduction • Grouped information • Facts from research	• Explore division as grouping and as sharing • Connect multiplication and division facts using commutativity and inverse • Calculate the times tables of 2, 5, and 10 using different strategies Children will be using various resources in line with the concrete, pictorial and abstract (CPA) approach. The resources used may be a range of the following; cubes, 100 squares, drawn models, dienes/counters representing various values, and many more.	

Extra Information:		
Homework Homework will be set on Thursday with pictures of completed homework uploaded on to your child's Class Dojo portfolio by the following Wednesday.	**PE Days** **Dyson** – Wednesday and Monday **Bell** – Wednesday and Friday **Jackson**- Thursday and Friday Children are expected to arrive to school in the correct PE uniform on these days.	**Other Information:** • 11th November – Year 1 Open classrooms 9.15 – 10.15 – need to be prebooked • 11th November – Remembrance Day – 2 minutes silence

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Pupils will be expected to change their reading books independently throughout the week. They will be expected to bring their reading corner book and stage book in every day. Homework consists of; • Math • English/spelling • Comprehension • Oxford Reading Buddy • Foundation subjects' bingo activities will be uploaded at the beginning of every half term alongside knowledge organisers, children can choose which activities to complete over the half term and upload onto Class Dojo. -		• 25th November – Year 1 Open classrooms 9.15 – 10.15 – need to be prebooked • 27th November – Non uniform day – Tombola donations • 4th December – Christmas Fair 4-6pm • 1st Nativity performance- Monday December 7th 2026- - 2.15pm • 2nd Nativity performance -Tuesday December 8th 2026 -10.00am • 3rd Nativity performance Tuesday December 8th 2026- 2 pm • 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day • 14th December – KS2 performance at Church • 15th December – KS2 performance at Church • 18th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays ! External: - 17th November Church visit- St Chad's



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