

Happy New Year Owl Class! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and are excited for the start of the spring term.

This term, our main topic is 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings'. During our History and Geography lessons, we will be focusing on 4 main enquiry questions: Who were the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and why did they invade? How well did the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings get along with each other? What was life really like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain? What did the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings leave behind?

Science this term will focus on classification and evolution. In classification we will build on our knowledge by looking at the classification of invertebrates and microorganisms. You will also study yeast, observing its growth and using it to make bread! In evolution we will learn about the life and work of Charles Darwin and think about what is meant by the term 'evolution' and 'survival of the fittest'. We will learn how animals and plants adapt to their environment, looking at camouflage and finding out how humans evolved.

In the first half of term during our RE lessons, we will explore the question 'What are the Pillars of Islam?'. We will learn about what the pillars mean and how they influence the daily lives of Muslims. In the second half of term we will think about 'How have Christians changed the world?'. We will think about how faith influences the behaviour of Christians and how this motivates them to change things in the world for the better.

Through our PSHE sessions, we will be discussing the importance of protecting the environment and showing compassion towards others. We will look at how information online is targeted and the impact social media and the online world can have on us. We will also be thinking about our job interests/aspirations and challenging workplace stereotypes.

Our computing time will be spent writing, designing, filming and editing stop motion animations for younger children to educate them about the potential dangers they may face online. We will also combine our knowledge of music with their formidable programming skills to create different sounds, beats and melodies which are put to the test with a live Battle of the Bands performance!

Just like last term, PE sessions will be games on a Monday and dance/gym on a Friday. Please remember to come to school in your school PE kit on those days.

We are still trying to minimise the number of books coming to and from school, we will be setting homework online using programmes such as My Maths, Reading Eggs, Number Gym etc that the children will already be familiar with from last term's homework. Homework will be set on a Thursday via the Owl page on the school website to be completed by the following Wednesday. If you need a refresher on any passwords for these websites, please let us know. The weekly spelling test will be on a Thursday as well as new spellings posted on the website for the following week.

Any queries, please do contact the school via the admin address.

Enjoy the term and welcome back everyone!

Mrs Hollis and Miss Horton