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OWLS CLASS ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON 21ST MAY 2019, 3PM

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone for the final stretch of the year! Obviously this time of the year is going to be jam packed with lots of extra-curricular activities, but we have a lot of things still to cover in class. Clearly it is also an important time for both year groups with the phonics screen for year 1 and KS1 SATs for year 2. The phonics screen will be in June and I will send phonics practice home in preparation for this. I will conduct the year 2 SATs in the week of the 13th May which will allow us time to administer the tests to any children who may be off school in that week before half term. I will be sending small parts of previous tests home, more to provide an idea of what the test looks like and how the questions will be laid out so the children are prepared and tooled up with strategies to approach them. I will work through whole papers in class in the lead up as well. I will also remind the children that while these tests are important, it is not a reflection on their characters and if this could be reinforced at home too that would be greatly appreciated.

Maths & English

Children will be taught in ability groups for some of their Maths and English lessons using a concrete, pictorial, abstract approach. This is to enable us to best meet the requirements of the individual. Where possible, some areas within these lessons may be linked to our topic.

In English, we shall be using a variety of different books and texts to develop our reading, understanding of language and our writing. We will be looking at different types of text that we can write and write our own, mostly based on our topic.

In Maths we shall continue to build on the skills from the Autumn and Spring Term alongside new techniques including a more in-depth look at position and direction in



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geometry, using money, and time and applying all the new skills learned by solving problems.

The children will continue to learn their times tables and number bond facts, alongside regular reading, phonics and spelling opportunities. Help at home with all these activities is always important to children's progress.

Topic

This term the class topic will be taking off and looking Around the World. Again, another massive topic that we could spend a whole year on and barely scratch the surface! We will be exploring two biology blocks in Science, animals including humans and living things and their habitats. In conjunction with Rabbits we will build a cityscape from junk modelling items to go next to Rabbits' landscape. We will look at designing postcards from around the world and becoming world travellers in our Computing block. We'll learn our continents and oceans and the children will try to get me around the world without getting me lost, and compare our area to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, USA.

Art

We will be exploring the art of the Kayapo tribe who are a native tribe of Brazil. Their artwork is very colourful and geometric so will fit wonderfully with our geometry work. I hope they will be able to bring home their wonderful geometric jewellery to show off.

PE

Aspire will continue on Thursday mornings. We will also be doing some balance work inside and towards the end of the year I will endeavour to use the great British summer to play some outside games.

PSHCE & RE

Mrs Strachan will again be teaching Owls on Thursday mornings discussing how to keep safe and the importance of communities in PSHCE and in RE will be exploring Judaism.

A reminder that PE kits should be in school at all times and not just Thursdays please. I timetable in another PE lesson a week and with the weather getting warmer we will be outside as much as can be arranged. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and keep practising times tables and/or number bonds at home. Mrs Pay and I again thank you for your support this year so far and we look forward to guiding your children through the last part of the year with smiles on their faces.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Cella