

# OWL CLASS AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2020

*A huge welcome back to school for a new term and school year.*



It has been wonderful to see years 5 and 6 back in school. I do hope you have all been keeping well. I have set out below some information regarding our topics and timetable. But firstly I wish to welcome Ms Le Serve who has joined Babraham. Ms Le Serve will be assisting us in Owls' class each morning. The children have given her a very warm welcome. We will still see Mrs Payne who will be working in Magpies' class and with small groups from Owls. We are also very pleased to welcome two new class members.

With best wishes, Mrs Corbett

This term our topic will be an investigation of a Victorian childhood: **What was it like to be a child in Dickensian London?** We will compare it to a 21<sup>st</sup> century childhood- thinking about the role of education and of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Our science focus will be on the natural world, looking at the work of Victorian pioneers, Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. We will be learning about inheritance and adaptation as well as animal and plant life cycles.

Our artwork will be inspired by botanical art and also the designs of Victorian artist and designer, May Morris.

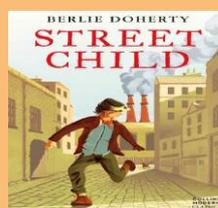


During R.E., we will consider the idea of commitment to a faith, in particular for the Hindu and Sikh faiths. We shall explore what love means by examining 1 Corinthians: Love is patient, love is kind....

*Our P.E. session has moved to Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure children come to school wearing P.E. kits. The children will not be changing for P.E. in school. P.E. will be taught by Mr. Watkins. We will also be visiting the copse on Thursdays this half-term.*

## ***Our Class Books***

*Our class books for this term will link with our topic on Victorian childhood. To begin, we will read *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The book was inspired by the true story of Jim Jarvis. It was his personal experience of Jim and his friends which led Dr. Barnardo to open his first 'ragged school' in London.*



*Later in the term, our class reader will be an abridged version of the much-loved Charles Dickens classic: *A Christmas Carol*.*

## **Homework and spellings**

Details of weekly spellings and homework will appear on Starz so please ensure your child has his/her Starz and TTRS log in details at home.