

## Infant Class Owl – Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents,

We are delighted with how well the children have settled into Infant class. The year twos are stepping up to their new challenges and the year ones have quickly become accustomed to the changes that the KS1 curriculum brings. Thank you so much for making sure that the children arrive at school on time with book bags, PE kits and water bottles. Please remember that the school day starts when the bell rings at 8:45. The children need to be in class promptly so that they can complete their Early Work. The gate will be locked, and the register taken at 9:00. If your child is late (arrives after 9:00), they will need to be signed in at the office.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the curriculum content that we will be covering this half term.

### **Maths**

In maths we will be securing our knowledge of place value. We will learn how to write numbers in numerals and words. Your child will be counting on and back in 1s and 10s and be able to order numbers correctly. We will also be recalling number bonds to 10 and then to 100. Year twos will be trying to speed up their recall of 2, 5 and 10 times table facts.

### **English**

In English we will be exploring themes in popular stories using role play. We will be learning about different types of sentences and how they are structured. Your child will also learn by heart an acrostic poem and learn how to construct an acrostic poem of their own.

### **Science**

In science your child will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. We will classify different kinds of animal babies and research the differing needs of animals within our care. Your child will also explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean, and to take regular exercise

### **Topic**

This half term's topic will give the children a chance to find out about some notable people in the history of medicine. They will learn about the lives and contributions of Mary Seacole and Jennifer Worth, examine the role of nurses today and find out what qualities are needed to become a nurse. The children will also discover how to avoid being ill through healthy eating and exercise.

## **RE**

In our weekly RE lessons, we will be learning about the signs and symbols of different religions and what they mean to different religious people. We will then be finding out why harvest is important to Christians and Sukkot to people of the Jewish faith. We will finish the half term by thinking about fairness and justice and why they are important to people all over the world.

## **Art/DT**

Our focus in Art this half term will be on developing our drawing skills to produce a self-portrait. We will then move on to investigating different ways of using paint, mixing colours to make new colours and trying different brush strokes to create different effects. The children will also be using a range of materials to produce a collage portrait.

## **Music**

In music the children will be tuning in to different sounds. They will be using their listening skills to hear sounds around them and will be able to make sounds using their hands as well as different musical instruments.

## **Computing**

The children will have a regular, specific computing lesson, where they will be learning how to manipulate data, use their mouse to create the effects they want, as well as how to open, file and manage data. All computing activities will include online safety instruction to help children stay safe online and know where to go for help if they are not sure. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to use the laptops to play maths games on Mathletics and TT Rockstars, so that they are familiar with these software programmes and able to get the most out of them.

If you would like to speak to the Infant staff about your child, we are available for a brief chat before school or you can make an appointment to see us one day after school. Alternatively a note can be made in the Communication book or we are now able to respond to emails during the week. Our email addresses are:

[c.panter@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.panter@reed.herts.sch.uk) and [e.kershaw@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:e.kershaw@reed.herts.sch.uk) Please can you email both addresses so that all staff are made aware of your message as quickly as possible.