

Home Learning

Please continue to hear your child read at home every day and practise some phonics. Phonics charts relevant to your child are also stuck at the back of the reading record book. Remember, the high frequency words in the reading record book are the words your child needs to read 'on sight' (without sounding out).

Spellings will usually be given on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday. Please ensure you help your child to practise at regular intervals throughout the week, not just the night before. The idea is to learn the spellings for life, not just the test.

Mathletics activities will be set each week (usually on a Friday). They will be related to work covered in school that week.

PE

Swimming continues on Wednesdays. All Infant children will have a gymnastics lesson on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure full PE kit is in school at all times, including trainers and tracksuit for outdoors. It is helpful to have a spare pair of socks for when plimsolls or trainers are worn. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Naming Clothes

Please ensure you name **all** items of clothing (including footwear) and that you check that the name is still clearly visible at regular intervals. Thank you for all your support.



The Infant Owl

Spring Term 2019

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Topics

Our Science topic for the first half term is 'Wonderful Weather'. We will be observing, making predictions and recording the weather from day to day. This data will then be used to record changes in weather patterns. In the second part of the Spring term the Infants will be planting a variety of seeds and bulbs. We will set up a test to prove what plants need to survive. We will be measuring and recording growth and drawing conclusions from our results.

Our Topic for the first half of term will focus on the use of different ICT equipment. We will learn how to use ICT safely to protect ourselves and our information as well as exploring how to use technology to write, calculate, research, communicate, play and share.

RE

In RE the children will be considering the importance of identity and belonging to groups and societies for themselves and for different religious people. They will also be learning about places that are special to them and to people from different religions, including churches. Towards the end of the term we will find out why Shabbat and Passover are important to Jewish people and will explore the story of Holy Week, culminating in the Christian festival of Easter.

Music

In music this term, we will be learning about the different values of notes and will use our voices and musical instruments to sing and play a mixture of different rhythms. Action songs and interpreting music with different moods and feelings will also feature.

English

This is a very busy time of year in the Infant Class! In the second half of the Spring Term we will be preparing for the Year One Phonics Screening Test and Year Two SATs. We will be gently introducing children to the format of the tests so that they will be familiar with them. Any extra support at home will greatly benefit your child. Please feel free to ask us for any advice.

We will be focusing on independent spelling of frequently used words in our writing this term. Children will be expected to 'have a go' using strategies taught in class.

Year 2s will be practising their joined writing and year 1s will be improving the presentation and formation of their letters.

All children will take part in comprehension tasks suited to the ability of their reading and understanding.

Mathematics

This term we will be introducing multiplication and division calculations. You could help at home by informally practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables whenever you have a few minutes to spare. Year 2 children will have worksheets to complete at home. The Infants will also be working through word problems. They will be identifying the key words and numbers which indicate the type of calculation required. They will then develop strategies to find the answer.

Art

In Art, we will explore the life and work of Claude Monet and learn some of the techniques he used in his paintings.