

## **PE**

Swimming lessons are on Wednesdays. Goggles are not permitted unless for a medical condition when a letter is required. Your child must bring a coat to school on swimming days as they can get very cold after their swim. This term, PE lessons will be on Tuesdays. Children need to have trainers or plimsolls in school every day to enable them to use the climbing frame. Also, with the weather remaining cold, please make sure your children have warm clothes for outdoor PE sessions.

Please ensure that all of your children's clothes are named.

## **French**

The children will be learning basic French vocabulary each week through speaking and singing. They will be able to hold simple conversations and will also be learning the days of the week, months of the year, how to count and the names of colours in French.

## **Music**

The children will be listening and responding to a range of different styles of music. They will be learning simple notation. All children in Y3 and some children in Y4 will have a weekly tenor horn lesson with Mr Lavelle.



# **Class Owl**

# **Juniors**

# **Spring 2019**

## **Topic**

For the first half term our topic is China. We will develop our geographical skills by identifying the location of China and its rivers and cities, comparing life in China to life in the UK. The children will also learn about Chinese New Year. The children will use ICT skills to undertake related research. After half term, in our topic work we will be learning about the chronology of World War Two. We will be finding out what it was like for people on the home front and life as an evacuee from a child's perspective.

## **Mathematics**

This term will cover a range of topics such as adding/subtracting fractions, geometry and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Times tables will be tested each week. All children should know number bonds to 20 (such as  $17 + 3$ ) and by the end of Year 4, number bonds to 100 ( $48+52$ ).

## **Science**

This half term, we will be learning about famous scientists, such as Marie Curie and her work on x rays, and William Smith and his work with fossils. After half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will learn how to classify animals as vertebrates or invertebrates and look at how environments are subject to both man-made and natural changes.

## **English**

In English this half term the children will be learning about playscripts, with a focus on a playscript adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The children will study the features of playscripts and will write and perform their own scene for a play.

This term, we will also learn about explanation texts and write our own explanation texts about the growth and production of rice.

## *Reading*

Children will be reading every day at school and will also take part in guided reading and comprehension activities. Please encourage your children to read at home and remember reading doesn't always have to be books; magazines, comics, and newspapers are also great reading material.

## *Spelling*

Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. This gives you and your child the option of learning them on a school night or at the week-end. There will also be regular spelling lessons.

## *Handwriting*

There will be weekly handwriting activities to ensure the children's writing fluency and to improve presentation.