

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 Friday and tested the following Friday. 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. The activities will be related to work covered in school that week.

To enable you to carry out all of the above at home, there will therefore be no further 'written' work set.

PE

All Infant children will have a multi-skills lesson on a Wednesday morning. 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. Hair long 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

Summer Term (First Half)

Class Teachers

Miss Panter

Mrs Rand

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Smith

Topics

Our main topic this term is 'Explorers' we will develop historical knowledge and understanding of the lives and significance of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will identify the kit needed for an expedition and compare the equipment taken by Columbus and Armstrong on their voyages. We will also discover navigation techniques and learn about the materials used by Columbus and Armstrong.

In Science we will be continuing to learn about plants. We will learn about the structure of plants and trees and what they need to grow well. The Infants will engage in a variety of activities including identifying common plants and trees in the garden and in the wild and sorting deciduous and evergreen leaves. The children will plant their own bean and observe it closely over the coming weeks by measuring and recording its growth.

In RE we will learn about authority figures who influence the lives of religious people. We will also find out about religious leaders in five different religions and their work within local faith communities. The class will reflect on how spiritual and moral values influence our behaviour, choices and those of others.

English

In English we will learn how to write letters and gather information about endangered species to use in our own persuasive writing. We shall study bees, why we need them and how we can attract them to our gardens.

We will still be trying hard to remember correct punctuation, spelling and neat handwriting in all writing activities across each curriculum area.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be focussing on calculations and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As the children grow in confidence they will use their skills and knowledge to choose the correct operation to answer word problems.

You could help at home by informally practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables whenever you have a few minutes to spare.