

## PE

Swimming will continue on Wednesdays. The last swimming session will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All infant children will have a multi-skills PE lesson on a Thursday afternoon and a hockey lesson first thing on a Friday 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 enough to go into eyes 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**

## **Autumn Term 2016**

### **(Second Half)**

**Class Teacher : Miss Panter**  
**: Mrs Rand**  
**Teaching Assistant : Mrs Smith**

## Topics

Our main topic this half term is 'Toys and Books'. In particular we will be thinking about toys of the past and comparing them with modern toys and books today. We will discover similarities and differences and identify changes in materials and technology.

Our RE topic is 'Christmas' We will discuss the story of Jesus' birth and explore the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave to Jesus, thinking about their symbolic meaning. We will answer the question, Why do people give gifts at Christmas? We will also consider that sometimes the best gifts are that of love or kindness and are not always seen.

Our Science topic is 'Everyday Materials'. We will discover whether they occur naturally or are manufactured. We will investigate the properties of different materials and learn scientific language to describe them. We will also find out which are more suitable for different purposes.

In English we will be writing our own non-fiction books about animals and their young. There will also be an opportunity for your children to read, learn, recite and write their own list poems.

## Home Learning

Please continue to hear your child read at home and practise some phonics. You will see what we have been learning in our weekly Guided Reading sessions and this may provide some discussion ideas for you at home. 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 Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. Please ensure you help your child to practise at regular intervals throughout the week. The idea is to learn the spellings for life, not just the test.

Home Learning books will be given out on Mondays with either a maths or topic activity for you to share with your child. This activity will be specifically chosen as a reinforcement to the work covered in class that week. Please let us know how the home learning is going by putting a note in the Reading Record, even if it is just a tick to say you have completed it together.