

Bodsham Church of England Primary School

OWLS CLASS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2018 (Year 5)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer and you and your children are ready for the busy time that lies ahead of us. We are very excited to be in our new class and are really looking forward to the learning that lies ahead!

Literacy (Year 5)

In Literacy, this term the children will be spending the first few weeks looking at the classic epic, Beowulf, which is linked to our class topic of the Anglo Saxons. This book will then be continued as our guided reading book. We will then look at writing and performing poetry in a fun 'slam poetry' unit. Following this, children will read and do a variety of activities based on a selection of 'Just So Stories', culminating in creating their own story written in a similar style to Kipling. They will have the opportunity to read their stories to Butterflies class. For non-fiction, we will be focusing on travel writing. Throughout the term there will be an emphasis on writing direct and reported speech, using complex, compound and simple sentences and expanding vocabulary. It would also be useful if you could encourage children to check spelling, grammar and punctuation in any writing they may do at home.

As we return to school, following the half term break, we will be spending two weeks exploring writing linked to the First World War. Children will learn about aspects of this war in other areas of the curriculum, to mark the centenary commemorations taking place.

Also please encourage your children to read a range of genres of text on a regular basis. Even one to two pages per night is extremely beneficial to your child's learning.

Maths (Year 5)

Over the first two terms, the children will be looking at the following aspects of mathematics:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Handling data and statistics

The focus of the 'mastery' curriculum is on being confident in the core mathematical skills and having a deep understanding of mathematical processes in order to specialise later at secondary school.

Therefore we will regularly be revisiting what may seem like quite simple concepts e.g. place value or subtraction, but we will go into much more depth now they are older. Children will be expected to explain or demonstrate their thinking when solving different mathematical problems.

Please encourage your children to use and apply and practice their mathematical understanding at home wherever possible. Please encourage your children to keep on learning their times tables regularly; these really help children to access more challenging mathematics.

We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

	Autumn September - December	
Subject	Term 1	Term 2
Science	Electricity	Scientists and Inventors
Cross-curricular topic (including ICT, History, Geography, DT and Art)	Anglo Saxons	WWI (two weeks cross curricular - linked with literacy) Coasts - Our Changing Word
P.E.	Football (with Elite) Dance - Electricity (with Mrs Record)	Sports Hall Athletics (with Elite) Hockey (with Mrs Record)
R.E.	GOD What does it mean that God is loving and holy?	INCARNATION Was Jesus the Messiah?
ICT	Sketch up - 3D Modelling	

Homework

Homework will be issued on Thursday and is due in on Tuesdays (which is when it gets marked). It will be issued in the form of a menu for the term. Please complete all homework in their books and keep any sheets in their folders.

Spellings

This term, spelling lists will be given out at the beginning of the term. Test dates and rules being learnt will be included. In class we will be exploring the spelling rules during the week prior to the test. However, children will be expected to learn and practice their spellings at home for the test on Fridays - we will not necessarily be learning the actual words for their tests in class, just the rule.

P.E.

P.E will take place on Tuesdays with Elite and Mrs Record. However, please could you ensure all P.E. kit is named and in school at **ALL** times as we often have extra workshops or lessons. Children must have the correct PE equipment, including trainers, for indoor and outdoor activities. As we enter the colder months, it is also useful for children to have longer tracksuit bottoms and long-sleeved top, as we plan to go out as much as we can.

We are looking forward to working with you over the coming year, to ensure your child has a happy and productive school life.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Record and Mrs Allen
Owls Class Teacher