

Bodsham Church of England Primary School

OWLS CLASS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2018 (Year 6)

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 with our new class and are really looking forward to the learning that lies ahead!

Literacy (Year 6)

In Literacy this term, the children will be spending time looking at non-fiction and fiction recounts to not only develop their reading skills, but to also inspire the writing of their own recount on a specific experience from their time at Bowles. Here we will focus on planning, writing and proofreading skills, as well as the formation of an engaging recount.

In Term 2, we will be engaging with characters in different texts; we will be exploring and analysing how writers create their characters and how we as readers can bring them to life. We will also be learning about and writing discussion texts.

Throughout our lessons, we will be thinking carefully about many aspects of our reading and writing, including spelling, grammar, punctuation and the use of and effect of language.

At home, it would be useful if you could encourage children to check spelling, grammar and punctuation in any writing they may do; additionally, 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 6)

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
- Fractions
- Ratio and proportion

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 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 be able to explain or demonstrate their thinking when solving different mathematical problems.

Please encourage your children to use, apply and practise their mathematical understanding at home wherever possible. Please encourage your children to keep on learning and practising their times tables and the speed of their recall of these skills regularly as this will 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 Thursdays and is due in on Tuesdays (when it will be marked). For Terms 1 and 2, the homework activities will be issued in the form of a menu for the term. Your child should choose a literacy and numeracy activity per week. The activities vary in terms of how long they may take; additionally, some should be completed after the appropriate learning has taken place in class and I have underlined these activities by underlining them on the menu. Pupils should complete all homework in their homework books.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday, in their homework books. There will be two sheets - one stuck in and one loose for your child to keep at home, as these words will be the ones they will be tested on at the end of the following week (Friday). This means that, even though they will be handing their books in on the following Tuesday, they still have their words recorded at home for learning ready for the Friday's test. We will be spending the year revising and developing our understanding of rules and words that pupils may have come across last year, so please don't be concerned if you recognise some of the spellings.

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 Allen, Mrs Smith and Mrs Record
Owls Class Teachers