

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter. We hope your child has an enjoyable and happy half term with us. We have lots planned including a joint Coronation celebration with the Junior School and Woodley Sports Week!

Teachers

Mrs Lamb is the class teacher in Owls - she teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Drummond is also a class teacher in Owls— she teaches on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Atkinson is the full time class teacher in Hedgehogs .

Support staff—Mrs Brooks, Mrs Patel, Miss O'Reilly, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Mian, Mrs Hyder, Mrs Kaushal, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Singh.

Geography

This term in Geography we are exploring the topic 'The World Came to My Place'. It is a global journey using maps and atlases to explore different countries and cultures. **Topic key words:**

Maps, atlases, countries, continents, oceans, Europe, Asia, Australasia, Antarctica, Africa, North America, South America, Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean. North, South, East, West, locate, describe, explore

Reading/Phonics

Your child has just been assessed to ensure that they are in the correct phonics group. More children have now completed our Read Write Inc phonics programme and have joined Master Readers!

During Parents Evening we gave you a list of the "tricky" or "red" words that all children are learning to read by sight in their phonics groups. The red words will also be in your child's reading record book.

All children will bring home a reading book which is targeted at their ability level; they should be able to decode and read all the words in these books. Some children will now be reading longer chapter books. Every week, your child will also bring home a sharing book. This may not be at their phonics level and is a sharing book to read with an adult. They will also bring home a library book, completely of their choice. These are changed every week.

English

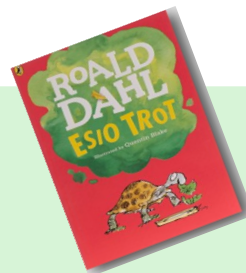
We will be studying 'The Bear and the Piano' as an Imaginary Tale. We will be creating our own version of this wonderfully inventive story.

Your child will get to discover the amusing and entertaining poetry of Michael Rosen. We will be writing a poem and a letter based on his work.

We will also be writing a Chronological Report based on our learning about plants in Science.

SPAG focus— -ing, -ly, -ment suffixes
Word classes (adjectives, adverbs, verbs)
Conjunctions to extend sentences

again
any
busy
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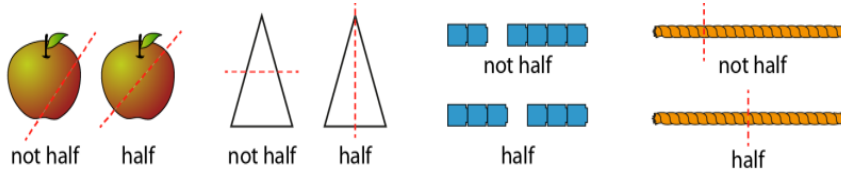
Spelling Frame

We are continuing to focus on improving our spelling this term. **Please encourage your child to use 'Spelling Frame' every week. Their password can be found in their reading record book.** There are lots of fun games to try and new words are added every fortnight!

Maths

We will be finding a half, quarter and a third of shapes, objects and numbers. We will be learning to write simple fractions for example,

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 6 = 3,$$

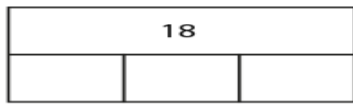


- 'The rectangle is split into three equal parts. Each part is one-third.'
- 'The strawberries are split into four equal parts. Each part is one-quarter.'



We will draw images and use resources to find, half, quarters and thirds of numbers. We will teach the children to find a quarter you can half a number then half the number again.

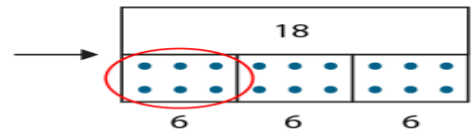
Drawing dots to find $\frac{1}{3}$ of 18:



Draw a bar model, divided into 3 equal parts.



Share out 18, by drawing dots.



Write the number of dots you have in each part. Then, circle the number of parts you need.

Continue to find 10,20,30 etc more or less than any number up to 100. The children have learnt that when we add tens the tens change and the ones stay the same.

- 73 is circled on the hundred square.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Circle the number that is 10 more than 73

Circle the number that is 10 less than 73

Choose two more numbers to circle.

Circle 10 more and 10 less than each number.

What do you notice?

Times Tables Rockstars and **Numbots**—online Maths tools to develop recall and fluency. **Please use this at home with your child**; it will really help them make progress. Times Tables Rockstars will be focused on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (which we are working on in school).

Science—In Science, we will be learning about **plants**. We will be observing plants and how they grow, learning about the different parts of plants and how plants can adapt to different environments.

Key words— plant, tree, growth, survival, roots, stem, leaves, flower, trunk, tree, adaptation, seeds, bulbs, life cycle.

Computing - in computing we will be continuing to practise our IT skills, understanding and representing data in different ways.

PSHE - our unit this half term is Relationships: we will be learning about different family groups, friendship and conflict, trust and appreciation.

Art— The children will study a cross-curricular topic linking with Geography. We will study artists from around the world.

Music— we will continue to practise our singing skills and learning new songs. Later in the term we will start learning how to play the recorder! We will be learning different notes and how to play simple tunes.

R.E - In RE we are learning about the story of Moses and how we can learn from stories in the Torah. We will also be thinking about the world: why it is precious and why we should take care of it.

Our P.E days continue to be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. We are very fortunate to have a P.E sports coach to teach the children during the Wednesday lesson.

On Mondays we will be developing an understanding of target games.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 team.