

# Owls



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# Penguins

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn term. This promises to be a very exciting and busy half-term.

## This half-term's

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# Trust

The children have settled well in Year One; becoming used to their new classrooms, routines, teachers and friends.

### **Some highlights so far ...**

The children have really enjoyed sharing their special belongings and photographs from home and we will continue to take turns collecting items in the bags, (three children per class, per week), over the next half term, in order for every child to have a turn. It has really helped us to get to know one another.

Professor Bubblework's science workshop was great fun! We learnt about how air acts as a force through experiments with hairdryers, leaf blowers, pumps and rockets!

In Literacy we shared the story of The Little Red Hen then acted out the story. We had a go at grinding wheat to make flour and baking our own bread.

### **A useful reminder:**

PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays.

It is helpful to remember to tie long hair back and remove earrings on PE days.

### **Our new outdoor classroom:**

We are looking forward to developing our new outside area, outside the main school office. In order to keep the classrooms clean we are asking for all children, (and staff!) to wear welly boots. Please provide a pair for your child and we are also asking for donations of any old pairs. We expect to use the outdoor space in all weathers so also ask that children come with warm/ waterproof clothing in the colder weather.

There will be a 'Drop in session' on alternate Wednesdays from 3:00 pm until 3:15pm; this is a time for you to catch up with us, discuss any concerns etc. Furthermore, the team are always more than happy to have a chat after school or for you to arrange a time to meet with us with the office.

We are very excited about getting to know the children better and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your children have the best start to school.

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Fuller and the Year 1 team.

### Literacy

In phonics we will continue to recap previous phases (2 and 3) and look at sound families e.g ai, ay, a-e, ea. We encourage the children to apply these in their reading and writing. We will continue to create our own stories, narrating and acting them out as a class. We will focus on sharing our ideas out loud with our peers and teachers.

Please continue to support your child regularly in practicing their phonemes, keywords and sharing books together.

### History

We will continue celebrating Black History Month discussing lives of significant individuals from the past and in the present.

We will learn about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire night.

### Geography

We will explore the capital cities of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland using maps and photographs. We will continue to look at children's links to places around the world and begin to identify the 5 oceans.

### Maths

We will recap numbers within 10 and move onto numbers within 20 counting accurately, recognising images and use apparatus to solve simple equations. We will use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least.

We will investigate 2D and 3D shapes in the environment.

### Science

We will continue to focus on seasonal changes and the weather associated with this time of year.

We will be thinking about light, dark and shadow.

### PHSE

We will continue to reinforce expectations, rules and boundaries.

We will be discussing how we stay safe in school and celebrating difference.

### Physical Development

In PE we will be exploring dance using simple movements and patterns. Please could your child have a PE kit in daily. Just to remind you that the children need shorts and a t-shirt in the colour of their team, and that their clothes need to be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

### ICT

We will be exploring ICT in the environment making sure we use the equipment appropriately and safely.

### Art and Design

We will introduce using clay through three dimensional art work including diwas.

### RE

In RE we will look at the celebration of Diwali and Christmas.

### Get involved

If you would like to be involved in the school community by volunteering, we appreciate help with any of the following; readers, cooking, gardening or arts and crafts. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the office. [admin@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:admin@gbpa.org.uk)

***On a Wednesday afternoon  
Mrs Pottruff and Mrs Collins will  
cover Year 1 enjoying a music and  
movement session.***