

# Owls



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# Penguins

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

## This half-terms

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## Justice

The children have had another successful half term.



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

The children enjoyed a special Chinese New Year activity day including making dragon puppets, role-playing running a restaurant and doing a dragon dance! We had the added opportunity to try some delicious Chinese food which was generously supplied by parents who run the local restaurant, The Golden Cross.

The classes went on two exciting local walks—the first with a geography focus, looking at features in the environment and the second to the church where they had to complete a ‘treasure hunt’ of things to find. The children really enjoyed these and we would like to thank all the adults who volunteered to accompany us; we simply couldn’t have done it without you!

### **Special Black Bags:**

We will continue to roll out the ‘black bags project’; asking children to bring in a favourite traditional story, find out about their parents or grandparents favourite toy when they were a child and changes in the home plus any other recent celebrations or events they would like to share.

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

We would like to thank everybody for the many donations we have received to our new outdoor area including herbs, fabric, pegs, shells and wood - we are very grateful and all items will be put to very good use!

### **Drop-Ins:**

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 looking forward to another exciting half-term which includes a visit from a puppet theatre and a puppet making workshop! We will need some additional adult helpers for the workshop on Thursday 12th March, morning and afternoon - please let us know if you are able to help.

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Fuller and the Year 1 team.

### Literacy

In phonics we will continue to recap previous phases and introduce new ones. We encourage the children to apply these in their reading and writing.

We will look at the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will focus on developing writing skills, write labels and instruction sheets. The children will narrate and act their stories out.

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

### History

We will be finding out about changes to our homes. We will walk round the village observing different styles of homes, materials used for building and new and old builds.

We will learn the history of why we celebrate Mother's day.

### Geography

We will be focussing on the weather. The children will record the weather and be weather presenters.

### Maths

We will focus on measurement: length, height, weight and volume.

We will continue to recap on place value to 50 and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10s.

### Science

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

The children will be learning about plant structures, new life (frogs) and investigating materials e.g. strength of materials linking to 'The Three Little Pigs'.

### PHSE

We will be thinking about staying healthy. What can we do to help ourselves.

### ICT

We will continue to develop our skills of retrieving, creating, manipulating and storing data.

### Art and Design

We will continue to look at African art and the work of different artists for example Chris Ofili. Art activities will

### Physical Development

In PE we will be doing gymnastics exploring rolls. In dance we will focus on the weather for inspiration. *Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school from the start of term. Just to remind you that earrings should not be worn and long hair needs to be tied back on PE days.*

### RE

In RE we will consider why Easter is important to Christians. We will have a celebration day for Easter with links to traditions followed in Poland.

### 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.*