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Owls Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 -2026

Dear Parents,

Owls have settled beautifully into our new routines and we are ready to get stuck into some exciting learning – and the run up to Christmas!

This half term the 3 week blocks that we will teach are on ***Geography*** and ***Music.*** In **Geography,** we will be studying Africa. The children will develop an understanding of what life is like in different regions of Africa. They will gain an understanding of the different climates, landscapes and biomes in the continent, and key physical features in each of them. We will be experimenting with some traditional TingaTinga art and looking at some aspects of the human geography of Africa.

In **Music,** pupils will learn about the style of music 'hip hop' with a focus on the song 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'. The children will be learning how to perform the song, use percussion instruments and write their own compositions.

In ***Maths*** Pupils will be working to improve their use of formal written methods. Specifically focussing on multiplication and division of 3 and four digit numbers. We will also be enhancing our recall speed of multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 before continuing to improve our understanding of fractions and decimals.

In ***English*** we will be writing an information article about something we are experts in. We will look at various examples to identify the key effective features of an information text, which we will then replicate in our own writing.

Our ***P.E.*** curriculum will be delivered as part of active Sports clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. We are also offering a netball club on Thursday lunchtimes. This half term, we will also be active at **Forest School** which will be happening on Thursday afternoons for this half term. We have our weekly **music tuition** on Tuesdays, learning to play the glockenspiels with Mr Waters. Please ensure pupils have everything they need on these days.

Home Learning will continue to be given in the same format on Wednesdays, with weekly spellings on spelling shed and maths in home workbooks. We will also be setting weekly online times table challenges for the pupils to help pupils become more secure in these. If you have any queries, please do contact us. Thank you to those pupils who are also reading regularly at home; this is having a massive impact on your progress and you are flying up our reading challenge display! ☺

Thank you all for your continued support – If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lockwood
Miss Tyler
Ms Robson.