

# Term 1 Class Newsletter 2024

## News for the Term Ahead Owls



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When the children have PE, they should continue to wear their Bitham Brook PE kit into school with the school jumper over the top (if weather conditions require a jumper). Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. It is important that children do not attend school in casual clothing as we want to maintain the children's sense of education being important; pride in their appearance; and belonging to Bitham Brook. Please can we also remind you that the children will not need to bring in pencil cases or stationary as this will be provided in class, and that toys and valuables are kept at home.

### Learning this Term

#### Maths

In maths, we will be learning about place value. The children will be comparing and ordering numbers as well as rounding them to the nearest million.

#### Writing

Our writing will be linked to our class book, 'Skychasers'. Our first unit will be an autobiographical piece of writing. This is a genre we particularly enjoy as it allows us to find out a little bit more about each of the children, and their hopes and aspirations. Following this, we will be writing a historical narrative.



#### Reading

Our book this term is called Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll. This is an historical novel set in 17<sup>th</sup> century France, and loosely based on the invention of the hot air balloon. The book centres on two very different characters who form an unlikely friendship and develop a prototype for the first balloon flight, engaging in many adventures along the way. The children are already familiar with Emma Carroll, having studied her in Letters from a Lighthouse in Year 5.

#### PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is called 'all about me'. In this unit, children will learn about how they see themselves and the world – and how the world sees them

#### Science

In science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will be learning about circulation, including knowledge of the circulatory system.

#### Art

In Art this term, we will be learning to apply knowledge of learnt techniques to create a self-portrait that reflects their personality

#### Geography

We will be learning about the importance of energy resources. We will compare how energy is produced using fossil and renewable energy sources and consider the actions humans can take to reduce waste.

#### Computing

We will start the term by looking at e-safety and then will go on to learning about blogging and publishing our own blogs.

#### Physical Education

In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of Netball. We will be enhancing skills previously learnt and building towards game tactics.

#### RE

We will be considering why the resurrection is significant for Christians.

#### French

We will be learning key phrases and linking together our knowledge to speak in full sentences.

### Homework

Spellings. We will be handing out spellings each week and testing every Monday.

Continue to read at home.

SATS Question Books will be sent out as homework every Thursday. It will either be English or Maths. Please return these on Monday.

PE

Monday - Netball

Wednesday-Dance

Thursday –Netball

### Dates for the diary

Welcome to Year 6 Parents Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September