

Term 4 Class Newsletter 2024

Year 6 Class News for the Term Ahead Owls Class



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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 remember to send your child in with a coat as the weather gets colder. Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with daps/trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. Please could children also ensure jewellery is removed for the lesson or prior to coming to school. SATS clubs will be continuing with the same children this term.

Learning this Term

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on algebra, measurement, perimeter, area, volume and ratio. We will also be continuing to practise for our SATS and the children will be completing test papers in school.

Reading We will be reading *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* this term. This is a lovely semi- autobiographical story by Judith Kerr (the author who wrote *A Tiger Came to Tea*) about her experience as a Jewish refugee. We will be focussing on interrogating the text so children have an in depth understanding of the vocabulary, characters and plot. They will be extending their inference and prediction skills as they do this.

Writing

Our class book, 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit' by Judith Kerr will be supporting our writing. We will start the term writing a balanced argument and then a non-chronological report, which will be a leaflet about WW2.

SATs Club

This term staff will continue to hold SATS clubs from 3:30 – 4:00 on a Tuesday and Thursday (Maths), with an early morning session each Wednesday 8:39 – 9:00 to further develop writing skills. These sessions will be of the highest importance as we progress towards the SATs tests in May and each child will attend at least one session each week. The SATs Clubs will begin WC Monday 19th February.

PSHE Our PSHE topic this term is called 'Healthy Me' and is all about keeping ourselves mentally and physically healthy. We will also explore substance misuse and the negative effects of it on the body.

Science In Science, we will be learning about electricity and how it is made – including a lesson on electrical safety. The children will also learn about the components in a series circuit

Design & Technology This term our topic is *how can we reduce, recycle and repurpose?* We will be designing and making bags using recycled materials and then evaluating the results

History We will be learning all about Victorian Westbury and this will include a case study on Abraham Laverton and the philanthropic work that he did within Westbury. The children will end the unit by discussing whether life was better for Victorians in Westbury during this era.

Computing We will continue with our unit on constructing and utilising spreadsheets before moving on to a 'Text Adventure' unit which explores coding through computer gaming, where the children will construct and debug games using taught coding functions.

Physical Education In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of football. The children will build on their football skills learnt in term 2, applying techniques to help defend the ball while passing it up the pitch as well as learning how to play as a member of a team. The children will also participate in dance sessions.

Music We will be listening to Tchaikovsky's Overture and using this to help understand the "story" of a composition. We will then be learning more about musical notation and using the glockenspiels to help compose our own piece of music in G Major. This builds on the learning from Term 3 where we used musical notation to help us compose a series of notes on the glockenspiel

RE We will be learning about the Easter and Christianity and asking the big questions, 'Is forgiveness always possible?'



MESSAGES: PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY