

English—

In our English lessons this term, Owls will be diving (pun intended!) into our new Project of **Water**. We shall start the term with a narrative which will be based on the book, Kensuke's Kingdom, a story based around a boy who falls overboard and begins an adventure!

Our whole class guided reading sessions, will continue to be based a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction and the children will learn how to answer a range of VIPERS questions.

We will have a weekly spellings focus where the children will look at spelling patterns through a variety of different activities.



RE—

This term we will be looking at the Buddhist religion. Our key question is '**How does the Triple Refuge help Buddhists in their journey through life?**' The children will investigate the concept of refuge and understand the importance of people being able to find refuge when needed. They will learn that for a Buddhist, taking refuge is the first step to enlightenment in this life or a future one



PE—

This term, Owls will begin by developing their skills in **Gymnastics**. In this unit, pupils will use their knowledge of compositional principles e.g. variations in level, direction and pathway, combining and linking actions, and relating to a partner when developing sequences and performances.

PSHE and Arts

This term's focus is **Dreams and Goals**. We start by looking at our own hopes and dreams both in and out of school, what we have to do to achieve them, how to overcome obstacles, and how success makes us feel. We look at positive ways we can make a difference to the world around us and then look at our peers and consider what we like and admire about each other. Our Artwork this term will be based on our **Water** project and will see pupils hone art curriculum objects linked to Rivers and Oceans learning. Pupils will focus on collage. After learning about the history of collage, they will learn the skills needed to create their own water-themed collage pieces of artwork.

Maths—

We start our work in Maths next term on fractions and will begin with some revision of what a fraction is and how to find fractions of shapes and amounts. We move on to look at how to use factors to simplify fractions and also recognising equivalent fractions.

Here are some of the Year 6 curriculum objectives we will cover:

- ⇒ Finding a percentage of an amount
- ⇒ Recognising fraction/ decimal/ percentage equivalents
- ⇒ Understanding ratio
- ⇒ Recognise angles (while using a protractor).

Geography —

Children will be learning about **Water** this term, including looking at the oceans and seas across the planet, and major rivers and their effect on the world around them. We will look at how and why cities grew up along rivers and coastlines, and the animal life they support. Later on, we will link with our **DT** work and look at bridges, their designs, purposes and methods of construction.

Science —

This term's Science focus is **Materials and their properties**. The children will learn how to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties; know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated; and finally, they learn how to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials.

Computing —

The focus this term will be **Coding**, a key part of the Upper Key Stage Two curriculum. The children will learn how to design, write and debug programmes.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is **Water**

Thank you all for continuing to support your child at home by:

- A) reading daily (to become a Reading Star);
- B) Logging onto TT Rockstars.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 6th January - start of term for pupils

Thursday 9th January - Open Morning to prospective Reception parents

Wednesday 12th February - Owls trip to Cumnor House Science labs

Friday 14th February - carers/parents invited to read with their child

Friday 4th February - NSPCC Number Day

Week beginning 17th February - Half Term

Tuesday 4th March- Owls trip Riverlands Wildlife Trust

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 10th March—Thursday 14th March — Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 31st March—Year 6 Height and Weight check

Monday 7th April—Easter Holidays begin

Kind regards,
Mrs L Handley

This term's topic is

How does water shape our world?



Year 6
Parents' Information