



## Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term. We will focus our work around the book 'Owl Babies.' This theme will also be the driver for this half terms Learning Log challenges.

### Maths

**Number: Place Value** – Children will count to 20, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from a given number. They will read and write numbers from 1-20 in numerals and words and count in multiples of 10s and 2s.

**Number: Subtraction and Addition** – Children will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts (within 20). They will add and subtract one digit numbers and two digit numbers (to 20), including zero. We will be looking at solving one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction and missing number problems.

**Shape and Measure** – Children will be recognising, naming and sorting 2D & 3D shapes. They will begin to make simple patterns.

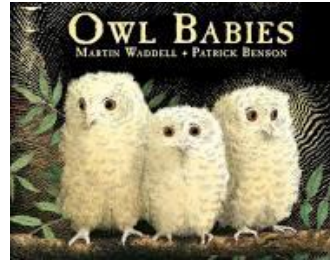
### English

Children will be visited by Birds of Prey to link with this half terms book 'Owl Babies'. Children will discover all there is to know about owls before creating a fact file. We will then build up to re-writing the beginning of the 'Owl Babies' story.

Children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting through our handwriting scheme 'Penpals'. Children will also be taking part in daily guided reading sessions and will read 1:1 with an adult weekly. We will continue to work on our Phase 4 and 5 Phonics with a big focus on reading nonsense words.

### Art/DT

Children will create a range of artwork linked to seasonal celebrations. They will replicate animal skins and fur using a range of resources. We will end the half term by completing Christmas themed craft activities such as designing and making Christmas cards, calendars and tree decorations.



### Science 'Animals Including Humans'

Children will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will describe and sort their different features and will identify which animals are herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Children will then look at and name basic parts of the human body.

### RE/Geography

Children will be looking at special occasions from around the world and will discuss how we celebrate them. They will also look at the importance of saying thank you.

Children will investigate our local area. They will begin to understand their sense of place in relation to home and school. They will recognise some of the physical and human features in their locality and will look at the importance of leisure activities and the types of facilities available in their local area.

### PE

This half term we will be completing Unit 3 'Cognitive Skills' of our Real PE scheme. Children will be exploring movements, instructions and skills.

### Music

Understanding pitch, and making high and low vocal sounds. We will also be practising our Christmas performance songs.

### PSHE

In PSHE we are looking at Mental Health and Wellbeing. Children will learn about their own and other peoples feelings.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

Children will become aware of key world events by learning about special occasions from around the world and how we celebrate them.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In Year 1 children will be encouraged to face challenges with a growth mindset and resilience. They will reflect on their work ensuring that they are able to improve it and set themselves aspirational targets.

### Healthy and Happy Living

Children will be encouraged to share their views and opinions within all areas of school life, knowing that their voice matters. This will be a huge focus during our restorative circle sessions. We will also be learning about our own and other peoples feelings.

### Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, the children will be provided with many opportunities to develop their skills. In Science children will describe and sort animals as well as identify which animals are herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

### Important information to remember

- **1AP and 1BE will now have PE on a Wednesday morning. For this half term 1LC will have PE on a Tuesday morning and be working with the Leeds United Premier Stars Coach.** Please send your child to school in their PE kit. Lessons may take place outside so please ensure that the children have appropriate kit and trainers on this day.
- This half terms Learning Log will be sent out in childrens green books to be completed at home. We got some amazing work in last half term and are so grateful to parents for taking the time to work with the children. Mr Edensor has created a display of some of the amazing solar systems we had handed in.
- We are now allocating a specific day for each year group to return their reading books on so please ensure that your childs book bag is returned to school every **Thursday** so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home your childs next set of reading books for the week on the Friday. We will not be changing books on any other day of the week so book bags do not need to be brought into school for the rest of the week.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day clearly labelled with their name.
- Due to the current circumstances our Christmas performance will unfortunately not run this year. Instead, each class will learn their own Christmas song which will be filmed in school and shared on the school website for parents to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support 😊

Miss Charlton, Miss Palmer and Miss Fawcett.