

# Owls



Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn term. We hope you have had a happy, restful break.

## This half-term's

## value is



## compassion

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The children are settling well into Year One, becoming used to their new classrooms, routines, teachers and friends.

The children have really enjoyed sharing their special photographs from home and we will continue to take turns sharing, (three children each week), over the next half term, in order for every child to have a turn. It has really helped us to get to know one another.

### Useful reminders:

- ⇒ PE is now on a Wednesday. Please remember to tie long hair back and remove earrings on PE days.
- ⇒ On 4th and 12th November we have telephone consultations to discuss how your child is settling in to Y1.

### Donation Plea:

Does anyone have any off cuts of wood the children could use for making models in the outdoor woodwork area? They love designing and making models and we would be grateful for any donations.

### Christmas

Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, Christmas film and a class party.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via [ad-min@gbpa.org.uk](mailto:admin@gbpa.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Fuller

### Literacy

In phonics we will continue to recap previous phases (2 and 3) and begin to look at sound families e.g ai, ay, a-e, ea. We encourage the children to apply these in their reading and writing.

We will continue to create our own stories, narrating and acting them out as a class. We will focus on sharing our ideas out loud with our peers and teachers.

Please continue to support your child regularly in practicing their phonemes,

### History

We will continue to encourage the children to share historical events in their lives encouraging the use of language past and present tense. individuals in the past and present.

On 5th November the Owls are going to have bonfire themed day. They will learn about Guy Fawkes, retell the story using stick puppets, make firework pictures and a class bonfire poem.

### Geography

We will continue to look at our family links with different places (the children's photos help with this), and countries, locating these on a world map.

We will make connections to the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

### Maths

We will recap numbers within 10 and move onto numbers within 20 counting accurately, recognising images and use apparatus to solve simple equations. We will use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least.

We will investigate 2D and 3D shapes in the environment.

### Science



### PHSE

We will continue to reinforce expectations, rules and boundaries.

We will be discussing how we stay safe in school and celebrating difference.



### Physical Development

In PE we will focus on dance.

*On a Wednesday morning  
Mrs Collins will cover Year 1 for an hour.*

### RE

In RE we will look at the celebration of Diwali, Christingle and Christmas.

