

Owls Class information:

P.E.

Our P.E afternoon will be on a **Wednesday afternoon** in Terms 5 and 6. Please can children have their full P.E. kits in school, remembering a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays to be returned to school the following Thursday.

Reading Diaries:

Try to hear your child read at least 4 times a week and update the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day. Our Reading Stars counting will be done on Thursday each week. Let's make Owls the Reading Stars!

Our school website address is:

www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk and our class blog is at <http://barcombeowls.wordpress.com> where you will find information about the class, home learning, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

Dates for your diary:

- May 1st - 3rd - Year 5 Chailey Open Mornings
- May 7th - Owls Class Curriculum Meeting 9am
- May 9th - 10th - Year 5 Hindleap Warren residential
- May 13th - 16th - SATs Week
- May 17th - Y6 end of SATs celebration
- May 20th - 23rd Bikeability Y6
- May 24th - Y6 to Newhaven Fort - Safety in Action
- June 3rd - 7th - Bikeability Y6
- June 12th - 14th - Y6 PGL residential
- June 17th - Year 5 LOGS Science morning
- June 19th - Class photos
- June 21st - Sports Day
- June 25th - Y6 Leavers' Service at Crowborough
- July 5th - Y5 David Atherall author visit
- July 5th - Patina
- July 10th - End of year production 3.30pm
- July 11th - Year 5 Connect with the Countryside
- July 19th - Leavers' assembly 9am

Welcome to Owl Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 5 and 6

BARCOMBE
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SCHOOL

Teachers: Mrs Force and Mrs Matheson
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Edwards

ENGLISH

During English this term, we will read 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman, a dark 'fairy tale'. We will concentrate on character analysis and showing empathy with characters as well as on the way Pullman structures the text. Term 6's book has not yet been selected, as there are so many wonderful children's books being published all the time. Whatever we choose, it will be a fantastic book! Children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary will be developed throughout the year during all topics and handwriting will be practised frequently. Spellings will be practised in class, especially focussing on patterns and rules.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we will be working on many different areas of maths. Year 6 will be revising everything they have been taught so they are ready for their SATs in May. After that, the focus will be on Year 5 and developing their skills in reading and creating graphs and charts and in applying their skills in different types of problems. Towards the end of the school year we will cover geometry, where we will investigate properties of shape as well as position and direction. Children's arithmetic skills will continue to be a focus, including working on formal methods of calculation. MyMaths and Times Tables Rockstars will be used in school as well as at home to reinforce children's learning.

GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY

This term, our Learning Journey takes on board the British railways. We will learn how technological developments during the Industrial Revolution changed travel and transport and how this affected and changed people's lives. Next term, we will focus on Human and Physical Geography in the UK. Children will learn about the water cycle, rivers and the effect they have on the landscape. They will look at how rain finds its way into rivers and how rivers develop from the source to entering the sea.

**Our Learning
Journeys are
All Aboard!
and
Water, Water
Everywhere!**

P.E.

In Term 5, we will see a focus on dance. We will create contemporary dance sequences based on 'clockwork' style music. The work will be individual, paired and in groups. Term 6 will be dedicated to athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We will continue to develop personal fitness by doing the daily mile.

R.E.

In Terms 5 and 6, we will be investigating world religions, specifically Buddhism and Judaism. We will listen to the story of Buddha and understand what is meant by the Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path. In Term 6, we will learn the key aspects of the Jewish faith and the main beliefs held by Jews.

ART & DT

In Term 5, Art will be taught by Mrs Edwards and the children will learn to do printing. In Term 6, the children will work on collages and painting. Our DT work will focus on cutting accurately and joining materials in different ways.

SCIENCE

In Term 5, we will learn about States of Matter and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). Our topic for Term 6 is Living Things and Their Habitats and we will learn about reproduction in plants and animals

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We will be getting outside as much as possible this term to do lots of our learning at Wild about Barcombe. We will get muddy and dirty, but have fun!

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E the topics are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. The children will be using group discussions, games and role-play techniques to develop their awareness of themselves, others and the world around them.

FRENCH

In Term 5, we will learn the vocabulary associated with trains and transport. Next term, we will learn about our homes and houses.

COMPUTING

In Term 5, we will hone our word processing and text formatting skills. The children will learn about formatting images and organising content into an effective layout. In Term 6, children will investigate how to create an algorithm to program a procedure.

MUSIC

We will use WH Auden's poem, Night Mail, to compose music in Term 5. Term 6 will be dedicated to learning the songs for the school production.