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Owls Newsletter Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe it is 2022 already! Owls have started the Spring term very successfully. This letter outlines areas of learning for the new Spring term.

Maths

Our goal is to be secure in all our times tables by the end of Year 4. Children who know their tables already are working on increasing their speed of recall and knowing associated division facts. Each week we focus on specific tables and are tested at the end of the week.

This term we are developing our knowledge of place value to include decimal numbers, as well as converting between these and fractions. We will extend our calculations skills to include decimals and fractions, and add, subtract, divide and multiply increasingly large numbers. We will also learn about negative numbers in the context of temperature and keep applying our skills to problem solving.

English

We are learning stories that raise issues, our focus being on deforestation and the rainforest. We will also look at different forms of poetry. Regular reading at school and at home remains really important, as does comprehension of reading material. Continued sessions on Bedrock Vocabulary will widen children's use and understanding of new words. The more you read, the better you write!

Other Curriculum Subject areas are:

Science: Animals and Habitats

History: Tribes in the Amazon

Computing: Word processing skills and internet safety

French: Parts of the body

RE: Christianity – Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus

PE and Wellbeing

The children will continue weekly wellbeing sessions on Mondays and swimming on Tuesdays. They have made a fantastic start on this and are greatly excited about developing their skills in the water.

Homework and spellings will continue to be given out on Fridays.

Mrs Nelson and myself will be on hand to discuss any aspects of the children's learning in more detail.

Kind regards,

Ms Wallis

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