

Owl Class Curriculum Newsletter



English

Autumn: 1 Using the theme Myths and Legends, our story is 'George and the Dragon' By Chris Wormell. Pupils will become familiar with characters and events in the story with the support of a total communication approach. They will experience using descriptive vocabulary, sequencing events, and role play. The story, although set in the past has underlying themes that gives pupils the opportunity to draw comparisons to their own experiences and feelings. Exploring actions that are kind and unkind, feelings of anger, fear and bravery.

Autumn 2 - In the second half of the term, pupils will create their own shape poetry around an Autumn/Winter theme, and learn to read make and follow instructions. We will be constructing a castle. This will link to our History topic.



Maths

Autumn 1 – The pupils will develop early place value by counting, ordering and representing number. They will also learn the vocabulary of comparing size, focusing on length and height. How to compare and measure using standard and non-standard units.

Autumn 2 – The focus will be on early understanding of addition and subtraction. They will also develop understanding of using money, its value and how to use it in role play and real life contexts.



Science

Autumn 1 We are growing plants, finding out what they need to survive, naming the parts of a plant and hopefully producing our own autumn crop.

Autumn 2 We will be learning about animals and their environments. This includes sorting living and non-living things and identifying what living things need to be happy and healthy.



PSHE

Autumn 1 – We will explore different emotions, how they may look and feel, and what events that may trigger those emotions.

Autumn 2 – We will explore our strengths and talents by identifying what we are good at. We will also look at what makes us unique individuals.

PE – We are developing our gymnastic skills by rolling, balancing, jumping and creating different sequences. The floor work on the gym mats is an excellent way to stretch out and explore different ways of moving. We are also doing Sherborne Communication Development. All being well, swimming lessons should recommence after half term.

ICT – We will learn all about keeping safe online and how to use technology in everyday situations.

Music – We will have regular lessons with Del, our music man! In class will explore using different instruments, playing a steady beat, stop and play and musical genres.

Forest School: Autumn 1 We are exploring the environment, discovering seasonal changes, making wooden items, den building, listening and identifying outdoor sounds



Art/DT

Autumn 1 – Pupils will construct a castle. They will also design shields and flags using ICT to design emblems and explore mixing prime colours of paint.

Autumn 2 – Pupils will use recycled materials to construct their very own Tudor house. We will be making choices about materials and practising fine motor skills when using tools.



History: Time Travellers

We are travelling back in time to explore aspects of life and events in the Common Era 800-1500. Beginning with the Viking Age. We will learn all about Viking warriors, how they lived, and how they travelled across the seas. Moving on to The Normans and the Battle of Hastings we will look at the features of the magnificent castles that were built in this era, and equipment used in battle. Finally we will move on to the 1500's and learn about The Tudors, including where they lived, what they wore and what they did for entertainment.