

# Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Woodland Life'. The children will be learning about the animals and trees found in woodlands and forests in the United Kingdom.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Year 2 staff.

Yours sincerely,

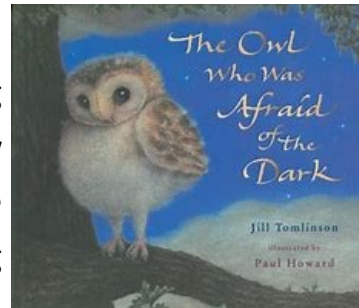
Mrs Lovatt, Mr Perkin and Mrs Parker

Year 2 Staff

## Literacy

Our learning will be based around the text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

The children will recount the story with a focus on using interesting vocabulary. They will then write a new problem for the character in the story. When reading, the children will develop their retrieval skills by highlighting key



## Mathematics

During the half term, the children will:

- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from any number.
- Continue to recognise odd and even numbers.
- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts.
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division.
- Tell and write the time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Use the correct mathematical vocabulary to explain their reasoning.



## Science

As part of our learning about living things and their habitats, the children will:

- Explore and compare the differences between things that are living or dead and things that have never been alive.
- Identify that most living things live in suitable habitats.
- Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of animals and plants.
- Identify how animals obtain their foods from plants and other animals.



## Creative Curriculum

During our topic, 'Woodland Life', the children will learn about:

- The different trees found in woodlands and forests in the United Kingdom.
- The different animals found in woodlands and forests.
- Nocturnal animals.
- The different layers of a forest.
- Forests around the world.



## Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development



In Religious Education, the children will be exploring who a Muslim is and what they believe.

Throughout Year 2, the children will follow the 'Dot Com' programme. This half term, they will continue to look at feeling proud and what makes them special. The children will continue to identify what makes them unique and different and the abilities they have.

## PE

During PE lessons, the children will be learning different gymnastic moves including, rolls, balances and jumps.

They will work as part of a team to create their own gymnastic sequences.



## Other Information

### Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home on a Thursday and will be collected in on the following Monday.

### Spellings

Spellings are sent home on a Friday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Friday.

### Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials, such as newspapers and magazines. Reading journals and books need to be returned to school at least once a week for monitoring. Children can change their reading books as often as they wish.

### PE

PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their pumps or trainers in school. The children may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.



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