

Owls Newsletter



Term Four

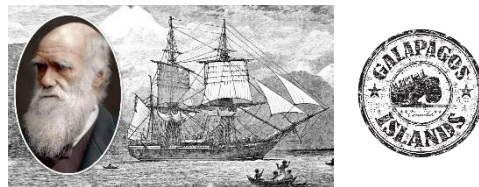
Thursday 27th February 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing half term break. We have lots of exciting things happening this term and there will also be the opportunity for you to come in and see the wonderful work we complete during our Creative Fortnight and Science Week.

Our Topics

This term, we will continue working on our topic, 'All Change'. During this topic work, we will be finding out all about Charles Darwin and his work on evolution and inheritance, including Darwin's travels to the Galapagos Islands, which were a key factor in developing his theory. We will also find out about the amazing Galapagos Islands and some of the living things which can be found there. The class will draw upon their prior learning of volcanoes to understand some of the geographical features of the islands, located off the coast of Ecuador.



Our science work this term continues to look at living things and their habitats. They will classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, snails, worms) and vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals), discussing reasons why living things are placed in one group and not another. They will also identify how some animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment. Additionally, they will learn about evolution and inheritance. In this unit of work, children will find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. They will be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments.



Spellings and TT Rockstars

We are continuing to use Spelling Shed as our spelling programme. Due to timetabling changes, new spellings will now be given every Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. A list of the spelling rules/patterns which we will study during the year, along with exemplar words, is available on the class page of the school website for your information. You can also find the year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling word lists on our class page.

All children are encouraged to strengthen the speed and accuracy of their time tables knowledge using TT Rockstars.



Reading

In Year 6, we continue to use the Accelerated Reading programme. All children have retaken their STAR assessments and have a sticker in their reading record showing their updated ZPD.

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child complete a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets.

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

We have an accelerated reading session each day in class, so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day.



P.E

Our PE day will continue to be **Monday**. If the need arises to change the PE day at any point during the year due to other events taking place, you will be notified in advance. Please ensure your child wears suitable P.E kit on this day. In line with the policy, small stud earrings may be worn in school but must be removed for PE lessons. Long hair should be tied back for PE lessons.



Atom Learning – Y6 Homework

This term we will continue to use Atom Learning to set online homework for year six pupils. The homework takes the form of revision tasks to build confidence as we work towards our statutory key stage two assessments (SATs) in May. The homework will be optional. However, in addition to helping prepare for the SATS tests, completing the homework regularly will also help to develop time-management and organisational skills which are essential for a successful transition to secondary school. Homework runs from Monday to Sunday. From Monday 10th March, homework will be set in two parts (one set of maths questions and one set of English questions) instead of alternating weekly as in term three.

Term Four Events

Just a reminder that we have several exciting things happening this term. You will have received a letter about each of these already. Please get in touch if you need another copy.

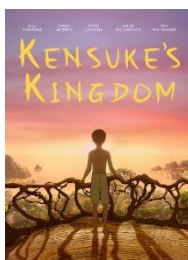
Bikeability – Y6

Bikeability will take place on **Monday 10th/Tuesday 11th March** and **Thursday 13th/Friday 14th March 2025**. Thank you to all those who responded so promptly. Your child will be allocated their session by Wednesday 5th March and you will be notified. If there is a specific reason why they must be in a certain session, please let Miss Davey know by 12pm on Tuesday 4th March. Parents must complete the online consent form in order for their child to take part. The consent form can be found at <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ruth-save-hour> or you can scan the QR code instead.



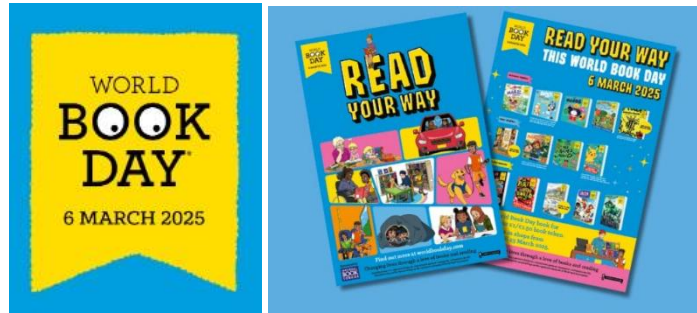
Cineworld Visit – Kensuke's Kingdom

The school have secured the tickets from 'Into Film' (a charity that promotes film in education) for Y6 to see the screening of Kensuke's Kingdom taking place at Cineworld Rochester on **Wednesday 19th March**. A separate letter has been sent out with full details.



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025. Please look out for the World Book Day tokens that will be coming home from Monday 3rd March, here is a link to some of the books that will be available to buy in shops for a £1. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/> A letter has been sent out with the details of our World Book Day events. It can be found on the homepage of the school website under the 'Noticeboard' heading.



Many Thanks,

Miss Davey