

Owls Newsletter



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

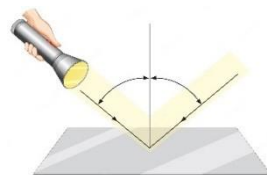
Welcome to a new school year! I hope you had a relaxing summer.

Our Topics

In the Autumn term, we will be working on our 'Inventors and Industry' topic. During this topic work, the class will build upon their knowledge of British history through an in depth study of the Victorian era with a focus on Higham and its most famous resident – Charles Dickens. They will look at how the village has changed over time and what our school would have been like when first built. They will describe the ways of life for different classes of society from the Royal family to life in the workhouses and will find out how Britain changed throughout Queen Victoria's reign. There will also be the chance to find out about some key inventions of the Victorian era and how they are still significant now.



Our science work in term one looks at light. In this unit of work, the class will explore the way that light behaves, including light sources, how light travels, laws of reflection, and shadows. They will develop their observational skills in order to talk about what happens and make predictions. They will also learn about the functions of different parts of the eye.



Long term homework is not set formally but if your child is interested in researching something related to our humanities or science topics, they are more than welcome to do so and share their findings with the class. This could be a PowerPoint, a poster/information board or a model/replica artefact, for example. You can find out more about our curriculum by visiting <https://www.higham.kent.sch.uk/year-6-overview/>

Spellings and TT Rockstars

We will be using Spelling Shed as our spelling programme during year six. The class have a 30 minute lesson every week (Tuesday) which will focus on a spelling rule or pattern, followed by regular spelling activities linked to the spelling rule or pattern being studied. Pupils will all have a Spelling Shed account and will be able to access a range of online games and activities to support them in practising their spellings. There is a weekly spelling test (Monday). A list of the spelling rules/patterns which we will study during the term 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 or enter the web address on the letter sent home earlier this week. (Please note it must be this address exactly otherwise you will be trying to log onto another schools account) You will then receive an email each time your child completes 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 via the My Child At School app and the school Facebook page.

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. It is useful to have a small box or similar to keep earrings in to avoid any risk of loss. Long hair should be securely tied back for PE lessons.

Many Thanks,

Miss Davey