



## Owls Class Newsletter - Term 5

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a relaxing break and an enjoyable Easter with lots of chocolate and family fun. Term five takes us into the summer term which is always a busy time for Year 6, especially as this term is only five weeks long! We have lots happening including Key Stage Two SATs tests and our Enterprise project (Information about this event will follow separately once details have been finalised). Fingers crossed that the weather will continue to be nice, meaning that we can be out on the field for lunchtimes, making the most of our amazing grounds.

### Our Curriculum

We will continue our work looking at the Victorian era with a particular focus on its most famous resident - Charles Dickens. They will research his life, learn about some of his literary works such as *Oliver Twist* and look at specific buildings associated with the author. There will also be a chance to find out about some of the key inventions of the Victorian era and how they are still significant in today's world.



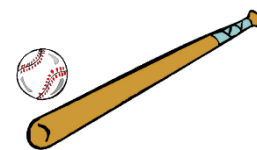
In art we have been looking at the Victorian artist William Morris. Before the Easter break we designed our own 'Morris inspired' printing tiles, so we will now be using these to create our own wallpaper prints. We will also be creating digital designs inspired by his work on the computer

This term we are studying plants and animals. In this unit of work, the children will be introduced to the idea that groups such as plants, animals and microorganisms can be subdivided. They will classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (e.g. insects, spiders, worms) and vertebrates (e.g. fish, reptiles, birds), discussing reasons why they belong in a particular group. They will also identify how some plants and animals adapt to suit their environment.



In computing, pupils will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website. Throughout the process, they will pay specific attention to copyright, fair use of media and the aesthetics of the site.

PE will continue take place on **TUESDAY** afternoons. This term, we will hopefully be outside on the field as much as possible learning the skills of rounders and cricket. Please ensure children come into school on this day with the correct PE kit. Girls must have their hair tied back and if wearing earrings on that day, they need to be able to remove them for this lesson (a small box or pouch to keep them safe in is advisable).



### End of Key Stage 2 SATS

The week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May is SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) week for all pupils in Year 6. Please ensure that your child is in school each day to sit the tests - a timetable for the tests can be see below. The End of Key Stage 2 tests draw from the curriculum taught during years three, four, five, as well as their learning in year 6 and results are shared with secondary schools. We are just a few weeks away from these tests now and will be working really hard in the next three weeks to continue to prepare pupils for these by revising key terminology for SPAG and Maths, revising key topics and arithmetic methods for maths and focusing on test strategies and skills for answering questions in all the different tests. We are confident that they will all do their very best and give them 100% commitment.



- **Monday 11 May 2026:** English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 1: Grammar and Punctuation, 45 minutes
- **Monday 11 May 2026:** English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Paper 2: Spelling, 20 minutes
- **Tuesday 12 May 2026:** English Reading, 60 minutes
- **Wednesday 13 May 2026:** Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic, 30 minutes
- **Wednesday 13 May 2026:** Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning, 40 minutes
- **Thursday 14 May 2026:** Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning, 40 minutes

As in previous years, we will be holding a special SATs Breakfast Club for year six pupils during this week. This will be free of charge and gives pupils the opportunity to support each other in the run up to the test, help alleviate anxiety and enable children to be in school on time and ready for the tests each day. A range of breakfast cereals, pastries, toast and juices will be available each day for pupils to enjoy. Pupils should arrive at the playground gates at 8am promptly for the club. If not attending, it is very important that pupils arrive to school on time between 8.40am - 8.50am, as the tests begin promptly at 9am.

## TT Rockstars / Spelling Shed / Accelerated Reader



Please continue to encourage your child to use the TT Rockstars app to keep their times tables recall quick and accurate and to use the Spelling Shed app to support them in learning their weekly spellings. A reminder that new spellings are issued every Tuesday and the list of the whole term can be found on our class page on the school website. Spellings are tested every Monday

It is hugely important that pupils develop a 'love of reading' and work to improve their reading stamina, vocabulary and comprehension both at school and at home. The reading SAT's paper is extremely challenging with three texts to read and answer questions on in one hour! As children get older it is still really important that they are talking about what they are reading with an adult and that they are asking about unknown vocabulary and discussing the characters / plot or facts they have learnt. This ensures that they are actually understanding what they are reading (comprehension) rather than just simply reading the words on the pages. The AR quiz taken when a child completes a book is designed to check their comprehension and pupils should be scoring 85% and above each time.

## Dates for the diary

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Earth Day 2026 (special writing workshop in school with Pobble 365)

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April** - PIP own clothes day

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April** - School Disco

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday (No school!)

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May** - SATs Week for Y6

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May** - The Big School Workout with Joe Wicks (to celebrate Mental Health awareness week)

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Last day of term

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact via the school office.

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