



# OWLS & GOSLINGS NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM

## Our Learning

### Theme: Celebrating Self English

We have read *My Shadow is Pink* by Scott Stewart, talking about how we are all unique and used the book *Incredible You* to identify what is great about us. We are going to read *The Gingerbread Man*, learn the actions and do a retelling. In Summer 2, we will learn about pirates as part of our English and history using the story book *The Night Pirates*. We will also enjoy the Hairy McClary series.

### Phonics

Reception will be practising and embedding their phonics digraphs and trigraphs and learning common exception words (my, said). Nursery will have regular group time exploring sounds and rhyming centred about a practical activity, song or story and will be starting to recognise and/or write their names if they are ready..

### Handwriting

We are learning how to accurately form n, m, r, h, b, p. We will then move onto c, o, a, d, j, q. Please do encourage your child to form their letters accurately when writing at home too - practice makes progress! Nursery are beginning to attempt letters of their name.

### Maths

We have been exploring the composition of numbers to 20 and counting beyond 20. Next half term, we will explore 2D shapes in more detail and begin to explore early division and multiplication through sharing and grouping in practical contexts. Nursery will enjoy short maths activities centred around patterns, shape, matching, sorting and comparing.

### Other areas of learning.

We will explore children's questions including: Why do we have waves? Why do pirate hunt for treasure? Why do they go on ships? We will link our learning to history and geography with some fun mapping activities. We will continue regular circle time activities and lots of physical development.

## Contact Info

**Music** - Big Band - we will explore instruments in an orchestra, explore following beats and making our own instruments.

**Computing** - Summer Fun. We will be using logic, exploring patterns and debugging whilst taking a journey, making a map and discovering seaside tangrams.

**RSE** - Asking for Help (reception only).

Information will follow in due course in book bags.

## Reminders

**PE - Mondays** (with Mr Brotherhood)

**PE - Fridays** (with Mrs Chisman)

**Woodland Wildlings** - Tuesday am.

**Reading books (reception)** - Please ensure these come into school everyday and that you endeavour to read with your child regularly.

**Naming equipment** - please make sure clothing and water bottles are labelled clearly with your child's name.

## Upcoming Events

**Owls & Goslings woodland showcase** - Tuesday 3rd June 9am - 11am. Smaller siblings welcome.

Come for as long or short a time as you like!

**History Day** - Friday 6th June. We will be learning about local history.

**Sports Day** - Monday 23rd June afternoon (timings tbc).

**Owls & Goslings gathering** - Thursday 3rd July @ 2.30. Reading for pleasure.

## Contact Info

We are available for a very quick chat at drop off/collection. For a longer conversation, please chat to us to make an appointment or email us at

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