



 **Reading:** Class Text: Our texts for this term are 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and a non-fiction text called 'Big Cats' We will be reading together, sharing the text. We will be developing their word reading, comprehension and discussion in groups, and with the teacher.

Guided Reading- within our guided reading sessions we will continue to use our phonic knowledge to decode words and developing the fluency of the children's reading.

 **Writing:** We will be studying The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. This will include researching the common barn owl and writing effective sentences for our stories developing adverbs, dialogue, onomatopoeia and personification. We will then look at non-fiction texts on Big Cats and write non-chronological reports, looking at headings and sub headings, labels and captions.

 **History:** After half term, we will be looking at 'How was School Different in the Past?'. This unit looks at the differences in how schools were run and how expectations have changed over the years.

 **Geography:** Our new topic is Oceans and Continents, which is predominantly a geography based unit. We will be looking at the location of the continents and how they are made up as well as the physical and human features of the continents.


 **RE:** Within RE we will be studying 'What do Muslims believe?' and the Christian celebration of Easter. This will include looking at the different beliefs and rituals that the two religions celebrate.


 **Homework and Expectations:**


Reading: 5 times a week as per home/school agreement. This will be monitored on Fridays and children will be rewarded. Books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Spellings: Given out weekly, tested on Fridays.


Homework: Handed out at the end of the week, due in the following Thursday.

 **Science:** In Science we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats' We will be looking at what they need to survive


 **Computing:** This half term begins with our topic of Spreadsheets. The children will be following the Purple Mash scheme of work. They can also access Purple Mash at home using the format: Initial and surname (i.e. HBowcock) password: red.


 **PSHE:** During this first half term, we will be looking at the 'Happy and Healthy Me' unit.

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 **Visits/Events:**


Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre - March.


 **Challenge:** Our topic is Oceans and Continents. Can you find out any super facts about our this to go on our topic board?


 **Our Staff:**


Mrs Bowcock/Mrs Barnett- Class teachers.
Mrs Carrington - Teaching Assistant.


 **Maths:** We have started the term learning about 2D and 3D shapes along with looking at lines of symmetry. We will also be revisiting all calculation methods, extending multiplication & division as well as covering fractions. All our investigations will follow concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. As always, we are continuously working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to ensure these are embedded by the end of Year 2.

 **Art:** Through our art lessons we are looking at maps. We will be using maps as a stimulus for drawing. To learn and apply the steps of the felt-making process. We will also be using craft techniques to develop our ideas. We will be evaluating our own work against a given criteria.

 **D&T:** This term we will be working through sculpture and making 3D clay houses. We will select from and use a wide range of materials, cutting shaping and joining.

 **Music:** We will be listening and responding to music using the Charanga music programme, as well as performing our own pieces and using improvisation skills.

 **PE:** Our PE day is a Thursday afternoon. This term we will be working with Stoke City Football club to help the children to work in teams, to take turns and show good teamwork, developing communication and listening to others.

 **Year 2 News:**
Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed lots of quality family time together.
Welcome to the Spring term, we cannot believe we are nearly halfway through the year!
This term, the staffing stays the same with the addition of Deb O'Neill from Stoke City helping us with our PE sessions. We have planned a trip to Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre in March to encourage team work and having fun outside! Further details will follow.