



Year 1

Barn owls



Dear Parent/Carers and children

We hope you had a lovely time over the Easter break and the children enjoyed their well-needed break. I can't believe it is term 5 already!!

Reading in Year 1...

Thank you all those parents who are hearing their child read regularly. I am sure you have noticed the progress they have made since joining Year 1 in September.

During the school week your child is reading in the class and, if possible, Mrs Dougall and I do try and read with them 1:1 as well! Mrs Murray also reads with some of the children on a Wednesday too.

Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes every night; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress.

This term

Topic - Our topic this term will be history based - 'Where did the wheels on the bus go?' (old and new vehicles) As part of this topic we hope to visit the transport museum in Dover. I have also organised for an old Land rover and campervan to visit the school for the children to experience and perhaps a few miniature steam trains.

Literacy - We will focus on a variety of genres including poetry, fiction and non-fiction. In fiction we will be looking at the story of Rumpelstiltskin in particular.

Maths - We will continue to use the Inspire maths programme.

Science - We will be focussing on the growth of plants and signs of spring. This will involve going on a spring walk within the school grounds

RE - We will be looking at Judaism which will focus on special meals, family, Shabbat and the star of David.



General reminders:

- The class will be doing **PE** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** (football). Please ensure your child has a warm PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Miss Cronin will take the class Monday mornings.
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. This can be used throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back on the Thursday

Thank you **Mrs Friend and Mrs Dougall**