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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term is here and we have another busy and exciting term ahead.

Here are some upcoming key dates for your diary – more information will follow about these:

- ☆ We will be going on a local walk to investigate habitats of different minibeasts.
- ☆ We will also be having a class picnic where the children will be making their own food!
- ☆ Parent Workshops will continue with Mrs Patterson on Monday afternoons at 2:40pm.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing please speak to the class teachers, or for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. We are always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Grimshaw

Miss Anyan

Mrs Patterson



Owls Class Newsletter

Summer 1 2017

This term our topic is:



This is a science and geography focused topic.

In **Geography** the children will learn about the features of our local area. We will be doing lots of learning outside so that the children can practise using the vocabulary they have learnt.

In **Science** we will be looking at minibeasts and their habitats, seasons and trees. The children will be naming common trees and flowers. We will go on a minibeast hunt to discover where different animals choose to live and think about what the key features of these habitats are.

In **Design and Technology** we will design menus and make food for our class picnic. We will practise **maths skills** such as **measures of mass and capacity**. We will also **measure the length** of the space we will need to have our picnic.



Maths

In Maths we will continue to practise our number and place value skills. We will be ordering numbers, and working towards recognising the value of each digit.

Key Focus: Naming the tens and ones/units in two digit numbers.

We will also practise addition and subtraction, focusing on problem solving and missing number questions.

Key Focus: Solving problems by adding on or finding the difference.

Then we will review fractions of shapes and numbers to 20.

Key Focus: We will practise finding the whole, half and quarters of shapes and quantities. This links with our **DT** topic.

We will also be looking at capacity and volume, using our measuring skills to find full, half and quarter of different containers and applying this in our **DT**



English

We will be focussing on developing reading skills and using the books we read to help us with ideas and sentence structure in writing.

Our first text will be a fiction book – Jack and the Beanstalk. We will learn about the characters and events and the children will write their own version so that they can practise their writing skills.

We will also continue to look at non-fiction texts, this time all about minibeasts, seasons and plants. The children will then use all that they have learnt to write a report.

We will also be continuing to develop our **reading** and **Phonics** skills, and getting ready for the Year 1 phonics assessment in June. We are continuing to learn and practise the Phase 5 sounds. We have been looking at alternative spellings for sounds (such as ee, ea and ie) and are doing lots of practise in both spelling and reading unfamiliar words using our phonics skills.

Reminders:

- ☆ Please ensure that **all** of your child's belongings are labelled. This includes coats, pumps, and lunch bags. If your child has lost something, please come and check the lost property box.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school **at all times**.
- ☆ Please bring planners and reading books in **every day**. Books will be changed once a week, provided that they have read at home and it has been recorded in their planner.
- ☆ We ask that you continue to record this reading in your child's planner at least three times each week.
- ☆ Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following Tuesday.
- ☆ All KS1 children are entitled to a universal free lunch, however milk should be paid for on a termly basis.

