

## English

Having had a wonderful focus on sentence structure so far this year, we will also begin to introduce more learning around punctuation and style to our English lessons. In our first unit, we will learn about the use of the colon and how to write informally as we structure narratives through the form of letters.

We will then develop our knowledge of persuasive letters as we focus on formal writing. This will involve learning about different sentence structures and writing conventions to ensure our letters are very formal. This will also see us writing about topical issues in the hope of influencing others.



## Science

**Year 5:** As we reach the end of our current unit, Y5 will then move onto forces as they explore the impact of gravity, air resistance, friction and water resistance. This will give us an excellent chance to apply our investigative skills to a range of experiments.

**Year 6:** Once we have finished our work on the human body, we will be working on the key question of 'how do we classify living things' as we learn about the differences between animals, invertebrates, plants and microorganisms.

## Religious and Worldviews Education

We will begin our work this half term by reviewing and revising our work from last half term around the creation story in both Christianity and Islam, before we then move to consider the 'intermediary' phase of the big story of religion as we answer the question of 'how do intermediaries guide us' through exploration of the Christian concept of the Holy Spirit and Islamic beliefs around Mohammed.

## French

Both year groups will continue to focus on developing their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. This will focus on the traditions of Jour du Souvenir (Remembrance Day), St Nicolas and Noel.

## Computing

Our work will focus on video production as we first learn about different filming angles and techniques before then focusing on how to edit these on laptops to create media which has an audience in mind.

# Owl Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2

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## Additional information

Welcome back to Autumn 2!!

Please don't forget that PE kits should be in school every day and the children should always bring a waterproof coat so they can still be outside when raining.

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact us via [owl@trentyoungs.dsat.org.uk](mailto:owl@trentyoungs.dsat.org.uk)

## Reading

Having enjoyed our work on Black and British last half term, we will solely focus on Orphans of the Tide until Christmas as both our guided reading and class text. We look forward to finding out more about how Ellie faces the challenges that seem to meet her at every turn and overcome the presence of the Enemy in The City.

Please do encourage your child to continue to read widely.



## Geography

This half term, we will be exploring tornadoes and how they affect the state of Oklahoma. This will allow us to focus on what tornadoes are, how they cause damage and what can be done to limit their impact. This will focus significantly on tornado shelters and the action plans that can be put in place by families to ensure they are ready to spend 12+ hours in their shelter.

## Maths

**Year 5:** Our focus for the first part of this half term will be on fractions as we remind ourselves of how to find equivalent fractions, before then applying this to adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move back to the 4 operations as we learn how to use long multiplication and short division – two really critical skills for Y5!

**Year 6:** We will begin by learning about equivalent fractions and ensuring that we are confident in adding and subtracting fractions, before we then move onto new learning around multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then learn more about decimals and will hopefully manage to squeeze in some learning about percentages before Christmas!

## Art

Our first area of focus this year is on printing as we create one-off prints using our own drawings by considering the impact these will have on an audience.

## Design Technology

Our focus will be upon electrical systems as we create our own scribble bots. We will consider how we can use a circuit to control different components for a purpose.

## Physical Education

This half term, our outdoor sessions will focus on basketball as we consider how we dribble, attack and defend effectively. In our indoor sessions, we will complete our gymnastics unit from last half term before learning some self-defence which help us to develop our movement skills, particularly around combining actions.

## Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Owls will be exploring 'rights and respect' as they consider the impact of their decision on the wider world, including around finance, money and how we can analyse the reliability of news sources.

## Music

Our focus this half term will be upon learning the songs for our Christmas performance. This will involve singing in harmony and in different parts. Look out for more information about this soon!