



Year 3 owls Autumn 2 Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed term!

Hello, I am Miss Kee and I'll be teaching owls this year with the support from Miss Brown. We cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Our learning will be centred around **Different places, similar lives** this half term, with a focus on Trinidad and Tobago.



Trips and Visits

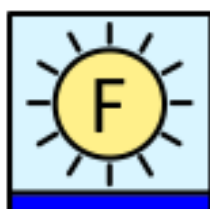
Friday 12th December - self lead tour of the national portrait gallery



PE Kits

Class PE Day: Friday

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.



Key dates for your diary

Friday 7th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 7th November FroG's Annual Halloween Disco 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 11th November Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 13th November Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 14th November Wear Spots for Children in Need

Sunday 16th November Run Kids Run event @London Community Track

Friday 21st November Year 3 present Biker's Breakfast 8.30-9.30am

Friday 21st November Year 3 Assembly

Friday 21st November FROG's AGM 3pm

Monday 24th November Sibling and Individual Photographs

Wednesday 3rd December Choir Performance at Westfield

Thursday 4th December Years 1 -6 Panto Stratford

Friday 5th December Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 12th December Y3 Self lead visit to The National Portrait Gallery

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December Years 3 4 5 6 Winter Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December- FROG's Annual Christmas Party 3.30-5.30pm

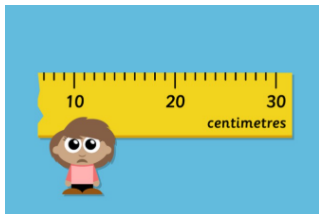
Thursday 18th December end of term 2pm

Friday 19th December INSET day Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Christmas Closure Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Monday 5th January INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Tuesday 6th January Spring 1 starts Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Reading	Writing
This half term we will be reading the ‘Mungo’ series by Timothy Knapman as our class reader and in our reading lessons. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of adventure and science-fiction that keeps the children on their toes! Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including: - Finding information in the text - Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words - Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters - Making predictions about what will happen next To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below: https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/	Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of ‘Different places, similar lives’ and the book ‘Gregory Cool.’ Using this text, the children will write personal letters and descriptive retells. The children will compare and contrast the UK with Trinidad and Tobago to add detail to their written work. During this unit, the pupils will focus on conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and commas in a list. For example: Gregory ran, skipped and cartwheeled on the warm, sandy shore because he was so excited! Please see the link below for further information: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcdvp4j We will then use our learning from our topic to write an information leaflet about the features of Trinidad and Tobago. We will consider the features of an information leaflet to write a detailed report for Tourists travelling to Trinidad and Tobago. Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below: https://www.spellzone.com/ Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.
Maths	Science
In Maths this half term, we will be covering: Multiplication and division - making and sharing groups in the 3,4 and 8 times tables. We will use our knowledge of grouping to understand multiplication facts. Further multiplication and division- expanding knowledge of grouping by multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers with renaming. length - using centimetre, metres and millimetres to measure, compare and order lengths. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd 	Our science topic this half term will be ‘nutrition and diet.’ We will explore the different food groups and discuss why each of them are important in a balanced diet. We will explore and compare different animal diets and also diet chives (e.g, veganism). We will develop our scientific skills by hypothesizing what would happen if an animal didn’t get the right nutrition and drawing out conclusions. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zx43khv 

History and Geography		Campaign
In Geography, we will be learning about different places, similar lives. We will explore and make comparisons to life in the UK vs life in Trinidad and Tobago. The children will be focusing on the human and physical geography in both Trinidad and Hackney, and discuss how they are similar and different. In addition, we will look at how different countries (Trinidad) have different cultures and how we can celebrate them. 		Our class campaign this term is linked to ‘Keep Green.’ We will be learning about sustainability and composting at Gainsborough and the positive effects of it on the planet. We will present our ideas about composting to the school. 
ICT	Creating media We will develop our understanding of how pictures can ‘move’, by studying different animations, making our own flip-book stories and then using storyboard and ipas to make a moving picture film.	
PSHE	Celebrating difference During this topic, the children will think about and discuss their ideas on family. They will explore how families differ from person to person. Then, they will be looking at anti-bullying, and learning how we can embrace differences.	
RE	Christianity Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is ‘Has Christmas lost its true meaning?Has Christmas lost its true meaning?’. We will learn about Christian beliefs about Christmas and its importance.	
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Handball. Class PE Day: Friday	
Music	Christmas songs The children will be exploring their christmas songs for their christmas concert in their music lessons.	
Art	Op Art This half term in art, the children will learn about Op Art and flags and will use this to create a piece linked to their learning on different places, similar lives.	
DT and Cooking	Cakes This half term in cooking, we will be making cake! Year 3 will be making carrot cake. Textiles We will be making christmas decorations, practicing our threading and sewing skills.	
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.		
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