



Spring 1 in Owlacombe



English



This term in English, we will be studying *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be writing a story based on their own version of Chapter 4, focusing on describing the setting and linking this to the characters' feelings and the development of the plot. Pupils will be taught to use modal verbs such as *might*, *should*, *will* and *must*, as well as adverbs such as *perhaps* and *surely*, to show degrees of possibility in their writing. They will also learn how to link ideas within and across paragraphs using a wide range of cohesive devices and adverbials to improve flow and clarity.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, building on learning from last term. We will also work on measuring and calculating area, perimeter and volume, and will begin learning about algebra through the use of simple symbols and expressions. In addition, the children will develop their statistical skills by interpreting and presenting data.

Science

This term, Owlacombe will learn about the human circulatory system, focusing on the heart, blood, and blood vessels and their roles in transporting oxygen, nutrients, and waste around the body. Through practical models, investigations, and enquiry-based learning, we will explore how the heart functions and how exercise, diet, and lifestyle choices impact circulation and overall health.



Outdoor Learning and PE Days

This term, we have Outdoor Learning on a **Wednesday**. Children will need a spare pair of shoes or wellies as well as a coat to ensure they keep warm! On **Thursday**, we have Mr Pierce for PE. Children can come in wearing their PE kit. Don't forget a school jumper to keep warm! Our other PE day is term is a **Tuesday**.

On Tuesday, our attention turns to the Body Language dance festival. This amazing event takes place in March and we will be busy rehearsing our dance throughout this term. The theme is inspirational quotes and it is sure to be a brilliant night of performances.



PSHE

This term, the children will be developing their understanding of citizenship and learning how society works and how they can play a positive role within it. They will learn what happens when someone breaks the law and why rules and laws are important for keeping people safe and treating everyone fairly. Children will also explore what rights are, with a focus on freedom of expression, helping them understand how people can share their thoughts and opinions respectfully.

Art and Design Technology

Once we have completed our design and making unit of doodlers we will bring our exciting unit on portraits.

This term, Owlacombe class will explore portraiture through drawing, painting, and mixed media, developing skills in representing people in creative and expressive ways. Owlacombe will experiment with a range of materials and techniques, including the use of words, to create visually engaging portraits and self-portraits that reflect aspects of their identity. Throughout the unit, Owlacombe will build confidence in making thoughtful choices about composition, materials, and artistic effects, while extending their understanding and use of art vocabulary.

Music



This half term, the children will enjoy music lessons with Pat as they continue to build their song repertoire.

They will be learning songs as well as playing both tuned and untuned percussion instruments. They will also develop their understanding of musical notation, exploring simple symbols and graphic scores to represent sounds, rhythms, and musical ideas.



History

Our History topic is the fascinating world of The Maya. We will learn to sequence the key periods of Maya history and will identify what was happening in Britain during the same time. Children will explore how the Ancient Maya settled in the rainforest, including the challenges they faced and how they adapted to their environment. We will also explore Ancient Maya beliefs and describe the key features of Ancient Maya cities, such as temples, plazas and palaces.



Computing

In Computing, we will learn how digital images are created and stored by designing a pixel picture and saving it as different file types, including JPEGs and bitmaps; we will also begin to use 3D design tools to create simple three-dimensional models. Alongside this, children will take part in regular e-safety lessons that focus on staying safe online, behaving responsibly in digital spaces, and understanding what information is safe to share.

Religion and World Views

In RE, we will explore the question of whether creation and science are conflicting or complementary. We will discover that Christians interpret this text in different ways and will discuss whether the biblical creation story conflicts with or complements scientific explanations of the world. They will also learn about scientists who are religious and those who are not, and consider whether science and faith can be compatible.

Spanish

In Spanish, pupils will be learning about shopping in Spain. They will develop their vocabulary for different types of food and practise using this language in a shopping context. Children will learn how to describe the location of market stalls using prepositions and will practise expressing different amounts of money when buying items. This will help pupils build confidence in using practical, everyday Spanish in real-life situations.

