



Owl Class

Summer Term 2022

"Beast Creator"



"Beast Creator" is our topic for this half term, and we shall run this into the first week after half term too, as this half term is such a short one. As you would expect, it is largely a Science based topic, but one which also lends itself to Geography and Art. We head into the world of minibeasts, looking at their classification and their habitats. Our class book "Beetle Boy" by M G Leonard, fits perfectly with this topic, and will encourage the children to focus in particular on beetles.

In English, we will focus on non-chronological reports and narrative. The children are then going to adapt their narrative for a younger audience, and in our Innovate week, after half term (WB 6<sup>th</sup> June) will produce a story book for Squirrel class children. Being able to adapt their writing for a different audience is an important requirement of Year 5 and 6, so this is the perfect opportunity to develop this. We will continue to work on spellings and handwriting, and will also have a Guided reading session each week. Please encourage your child to read at home and also to record this in their Record books. In order to gain their reading stars each week, and team points, there must be a record in their book! It would be good to see some different "Reading Stars" this term!

Our Maths work will include Shape, position and direction, and the conversion of units. SATs week is the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May, and during this week, and in the two weeks prior to this, Maths will be taught by Miss Laugie, and I will either work with small groups of Year 6 on revision, or with the whole year group. The children all have their Times Tables Rockstars logins, so please encourage them to have a go at this at home.

Science will obviously be linked closely to living things and their habitats. The children will set up investigations, and will be expected to record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams, classification keys, tables and graphs, and will then report and present finding from their enquiries. We will study the life cycles of particular minibeasts, describing the life processes of reproduction in some plants and animals. Our Science investigations with minibeasts will link closely to the Geography element of our topic, where comparisons will be made between minibeasts in our local habitat and around the world.

In Art, the children will make detailed drawings of minibeasts and will explore mixed media. We are going to look at the work of Kelly Stanford, a modern artist whose work centres around insects. There are also several opportunities for us to join The Last Chance to Paint Webinars, with John Dyer, the artist in residence at the Eden Project. I have done this in previous years, and the children thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to see an artist at work and to paint alongside him.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and the focus will be on striking and fielding activities. Mr Rogers will teach PE and Music on Thursday afternoons when he covers my PPA. Year 6 will continue to plan and run our PALs (Playtime Activity Leaders) sessions on a Tuesday break time, and Year 5 will continue with their role as Worship leaders, working with Mrs Dommett to lead worship during the week. Our PSHE theme this half term is Relationships, and in RE we will consider the question: How does the Triple refuge help Buddhists in their journey through life?

This half term is sure to fly by, and I hope that once the SATs are over, Year 6 will be able to relax a little more! This topic should be good fun and an interesting one, and Miss Laugie and I are really looking forward to it!