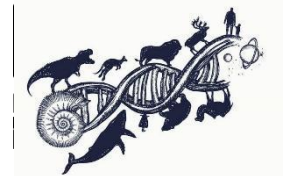


Term 2 Newsletter

'Survival of the fittest?'



Dear Owls Class Families,

We hope you have had a good half term holiday! This term, our topic is 'Survival of the fittest?' and the children will be learning about the life and research of Charles Darwin. We will be developing our understanding of biography writing, poetry and description writing. We will be using a variety of texts to support our learning including Darwin's Dragons, Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' by Anna Brett and Amazing Evolution. Please could we ask you to encourage your child to design their own animal. This will be used to support a series of literacy sessions during the term.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.					
Spellings	Below are the spelling patterns that we will be learning this term:					
	-fer suffix	ch as 'k'	g and k as 'gue' and 'que'	'i' before 'e' except after 'c'	in-, il-, ir- and im- prefixes	ough
Maths and Grammar	Maths and Grammar homework will be set weekly on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. It will be photocopied and handed out with the weekly homework sheet on a Monday.					
Times Tables	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.					

Useful Websites:

- <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/teaching-resources/key-stage-2/evolution-and-inheritance.html>
- <https://scienceforthekids.wordpress.com/2013/03/12/what-is-evolution/>
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-adaptation-and-evolution>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat. Our PE sessions are on Mondays and Fridays and your child can wear their PE kit to school on those days.

This term we will also be having swimming sessions on Tuesday mornings. Please can your child bring their swimming kit on this day, including: a swimming costume, a swimming hat, a towel and goggles.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Term 2 'Survival of the fittest?' Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Diary writing</p> 	<p>Descriptive writing setting</p> 	<p>Poetry</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Equivalent fractions</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> <p>Addition/subtracting fractions</p> $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$	<p>multiplying/dividing fractions</p> <p>STEP 1 STEP 2 STEP 3</p> $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3 \times 2}{4 \times 5} = \frac{6}{20}$ <p>Simplify? ←</p>
<p>Science</p> 		<p>Evolution and Inheritance</p>	
<p>Art and DT</p> 		<p>Pencil drawings and landscapes</p>	
<p>History</p> 	<p>How have people changed over time?</p> 		
<p>PSHE</p> 		<p>Celebrating Difference</p>	
<p>Computing</p> 		<p>Databases</p>	
<p>RE</p> 		<p>Understanding Christianity</p>	 <p>Why do Christians Believe Jesus was the Messiah?</p>
<p>French</p> 		<p>Do you have a pet?</p>	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Evolution Of Music (40000 BC - 2021)</p> 	<p>Evolution of Music</p>	 <p>THE EVOLUTION OF MUSIC</p>

