OWL CLASS NEWSLETTER
Summer 1
BELIEVE – DISCOVER- ASPIRE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and we hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. We are very much looking forward to another Summer term (and better weather!) and the preparations for moving into Year 3. Our learning for this half term will be based around our enquiry question **'Would you like to live by the seaside?'**

We will continue to send reading books home which are linked to our phonics scheme Read Write Inc. Reading remains fundamental at this age. We will also be visiting our school library so the children will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home and share with you. They must return their book each week in order to choose a different book to take home. Please read with your child at least three times a week and update their reading record. We will also continue to send home spellings and will test them on a Friday morning. Please spend time looking at these together and writing them out with your child to support their learning.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us to make an appointment to discuss the matter further.

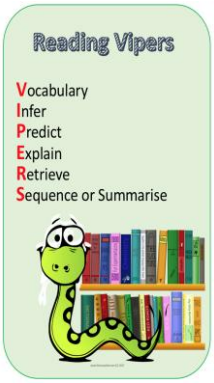
Many thanks,
Mrs Kimber, Mrs Tyler and Mr Wall

PE

Our PE sessions this half term will be Rounders with the Prime Sports coaches and swimming. PE will be on a Thursday and we will be swimming on a Monday. Children should have their PE bags in school on these days and they leave them in school. Please ensure swim kit (including a hat) comes into school every Monday.
It is advisable that children have a warm tracksuit or sweatshirt as we will be going outside as much as possible. Please make sure all PE kit is clearly named. Children need to remove all jewellery for PE or cover earrings with tape. Any children with long enough hair need to have it tied up for PE sessions.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home. As well as fluency, children need to be able to answer questions based on the text to show understanding. In school, we talk about Reading VIPERS – examples of the types of questions you could ask your child when reading are below. Please ensure their reading book is in their bag every day.



Homework

As well as daily reading, the children will be sent home with a spelling list each week. Spellings will be set and tested weekly on a Friday. Please support your child in learning these spellings regularly at home.

Phonics

We will continue to follow the ReadWriteInc scheme in our daily phonics lessons. Reading books will continue to be matched to your child's learning. They will also bring home a reading for pleasure book. These they can change once they return the previous book.

Useful Websites:

For maths practise, the following websites are useful:
White rose maths app
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths
www.topmarks.co.uk
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks

English

Across all our learning, we will be improving our grammar, spelling, word reading, comprehension and transcription skills following the ReadWriteInc 'Get Writing' scheme. We will also be continuing with our 'Writing club' in class.
Weekly spellings will be based upon improving children's understanding and awareness of how to apply spelling rules. We will also be continuing to work on our handwriting following the ReadWriteInc scheme.

PSHE: Kapow

This half term we will be focusing on Safety and the changing body. We will look at internet safety as well as thinking about keeping ourselves safe in other ways and respecting personal boundaries.

Geography

We will use the Kapow scheme to look at **'What is it like to live by the coast?'**
We will be naming and locating continents and oceans of the world with a particular focus on the UK and surrounding seas. We will explore the physical features of the Jurassic coast including the land use and tourism.

RE

This half term we will be continuing our learning about Judaism. We will focus on the importance of prayer and worship and discuss how visiting the synagogue can help Jewish children to feel closer to God.

Would you like to live by the seaside?

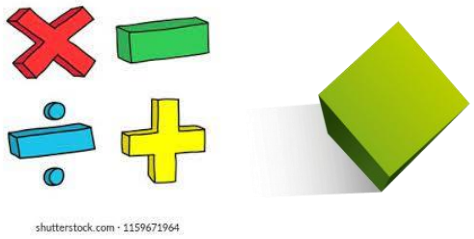
Science

This half term we will be looking at human and animal lifecycles and how they change with growth. We will also learn about the importance of wildlife and how wildlife is beneficial to humans.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

- Statistics
- Geometry – Position & direction



We will also spend some time re-capping some of the units that we have already covered to consolidate our learning before moving into Year 3.

ART/DT

We will be exploring textiles and aspiring to design and make a pouch using sewing skills.

Computing

We will be looking at quizzes this half term and how to design and create their own choice of questions, artwork and algorithms.

Music

For music for this half term we will be continuing to use the new Charanga creative music scheme. We will use Glockenspiels to focus on using gradations of dynamics, such as crescendo (getting louder), to add interest to a performance.