

English

In English we will be writing for a variety of purposes including stories, instructions and recounts. During these units the Owls will be learning about how to make their writing the best it can be through correct use of punctuation and spelling and learning about verbs, adjectives and conjunctions.

We will be reading books linked to our topic on India including *Pattan's Pumpkin* by Chitra Soundar and *One Grain of Rice*.



Year 2 Owls



Autumn 1 2025 India

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are going to be focusing on counting and number. We will be counting to 100 in jumps of 1, 2 and 10. The Squirrels will spend some time thinking about the value of numbers, and how we partition them into tens and ones. This will lead us then to start ordering our numbers and thinking about how we can represent our numbers in a variety of ways using equipment and drawings.

ICT and Computing

Our focus for Computing this half term is video creation. Owls will be learning to record a film using the camera app, select images and record a voiceover, highlight and zoom into images as they record, write and record a script using a teleprompter tool, use tools to add effects to a video and begin to use green screen techniques with support. Owls will also be developing their ICT skills by using a desktop computer as well as Ipads.

Geography

In Topic, we will be looking at the country India. The Squirrels will be thinking about its place on the map and the geographical features within the country. We will then begin looking at what life is like in India, focusing on their traditions and way of life.

Physical Education

Our focus for PE this term will be Games. We will be developing and practising our throwing and catching skills in a controlled and co-ordinated way. We will learn to throw in different directions and in different ways and will be refining our catching skills too. Owls will also learn about how to work cooperatively with a partner or group and how to follow rules in sport. We will also learn about what exercise does to the body.

Science

Our science topic for the half term is all about habitats, seasons and living things. We will investigate how there is variation between all living things, how some living things are living, some were once living but now dead and some things have never lived, how living things are adapted to survive in different habitats and how environmental change can affect the plants and animals that live there.

Art/Design and Technology

The Owls will be looking closely at an artist called Rosalind Monks. She is an illustrator who draws detailed drawings of animals. We will be using ink pens to create different shapes and patterns. The Owls will then use these skills to design a whole class elephant illustration.

Ways to support the learning

- Read regularly with your child. We recommend five times a week.
- Read the tricky words in your red book daily with your child.
- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Practice counting forwards and backwards to 100.
- Find mathematics in everyday things, such as shapes, learning with money or fractions when sharing foods.