

**Communication and Language:**

We will be learning to retell stories using our own words and story language from the 'Owl Babies'

We will also be learning new vocabulary related to our owl topic including nocturnal, feathers, talons, owlets, nest, beak, down.

**Reading**

We will continue active listening to stories and information texts and answering questions about what they have heard. We are also continuing to work on reading letters, sounds and key words including the, it, is, and, at, to. We are also working on blending sounds to read c-v-c words - cat, mat, hat, bat

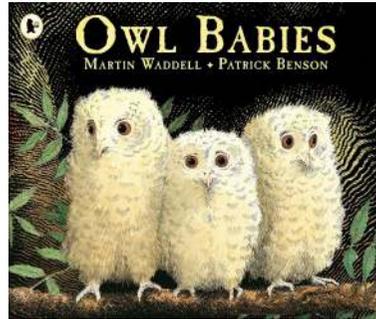
**Writing**

We are all learning to write our name neatly using a cursive script. We will also be doing a session called write dance which helps us to use big movements to help us form letters correctly. We will be doing different fine motor activities to help our hands become stronger and to hold pencils correctly. We will be writing speech bubbles from the characters in the story and making our own information books.

**Physical Development:**

We will be working on both gross and fine motor skills. We will be developing small ball skills throwing and catching with accuracy in PE. We will also be using tools including hammers and nails to make models

**Our Topic**  
**Why Do Owls Fly at Night?**

**Maths:**

We will be continuing to recognise, count and use numbers to 10. We will think about how we can represent numbers in different ways and begin to compare numbers. We are going to learn about shapes recognising 2-d shapes and using them to make pictures

**PSED:** this term we will be talking about how the 'Owl Babies' feel using the words happy, sad, worried, excited and thinking about when we have felt this way. We will also think about safety rules related to being out in the dark and fireworks. We will be having sparklers for Diwali and learning how to hold them safely.

**Understanding of the World:**

Our topic is all about light and dark, night and day and nocturnal animals. We will be sorting by different categories for example thinking about how we know its dark, and what we might do in the dark. We will be having a visits from so Owls and finding out about Owl facts

**Expressive Arts and Design:**

This half term we will be learning to role play stories and pretend to be characters from books. We will also be responding to music and learning a firework dance. In our art topic we will be exploring how to make light and dark pictures and practicing our pencil drawing skills.

# Home Learning

## Reading Books

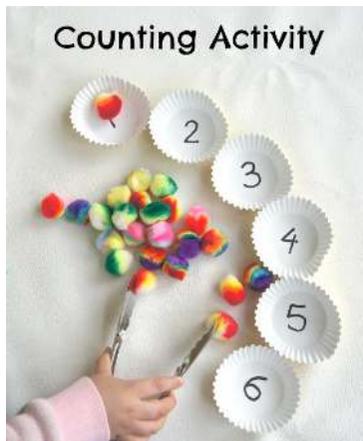
Your children will bring new reading books home three times a week. They need to read their book everyday with you even if they have already read it before. They will also start to bring home key word cards for you to read with them. Please write in their reading records to tell us how well they have read. It is also important to talk about the pictures and ask the children questions to check they understand the words. Please also initial and date the reading log at the back of the reading record to enable your child to earn reading certificates.

Key questions to ask when reading

Who are the characters in the book? How do they feel? How do you know? What will happen next? Which part of the book did you like?

## Maths

This half term we will spend time on counting and matching with accuracy, you can help you child by helping them to recognise numerals and find the correct number of objects to match. The children will also be learning to order numbers to 5,10 and 20



# Websites

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvAYUvQUrGo> This website will show you the actions and sounds we use in our phonics scheme of work

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Don't forget to login to you Tapestry account to see updates and your child's learning



## Forest Schools/PE Friday's

Every Friday we will be doing PE and Forest schools – the children can come to school wearing joggers/ leggings and trainers.

They can wear their normal school t-shirts and jumper/Cardigan

Please ensure all clothes are labelled with your child's name. Thank you