



WELCOME TO SANDY OWLS

We hope that you had a lovely half term with lots of family time and possibly some visits or trips out and about too.

This half term we have another exciting topic ahead and will be learning all about Space.



Remember to keep up to date with our school FaceBook page. You can also send any extra pieces of learning via the cohort email address of sandyowls@gisburnroad.lancs.sch.uk

If you would like to pass on any urgent information, I will be around each morning and evening but you can also contact the office on 812287 and Mrs Barwell will pass on any important information.

Mrs Heaton, Miss Anderson and Miss Mount

What will we be learning this Term?

Our theme in Reception this half term is going to be 'Out of this World'.

This will involve many creative and practical activities and plenty of engaging fun learning.

Learning will continue to take place both indoors and outdoors and as always will be based upon very practical and hands on activities. There will be many opportunities for learning in each of the seven areas of the EYFS, as outlined in more detail below.



Communication and Language-Within this area the children will be developing their communication skills by giving their attention to what others say and responding appropriately, while engaged in another activity. The children will be able to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions and they will be answering 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events linked to Space and other areas. They will also be developing their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/early-years/>

<https://www.teachearlyyears.com/learning-and-development/view/confident-communicators>



Personal, Social and Emotional Development-

The children will continue to use the 'My Happy Mind' scheme of work and this half term we will be working on the module 'Relate'. This will teach the children the importance of being able to relate or get along with others in order to have positive relationships. It uses the Character Strengths to illustrate the need to be able to see other perspectives in order to build relationships. Through lots of examples and discussion, the children learn about two key skills that will serve them well in relationship building. We also link this to what they have learnt about Gratitude in the previous lessons so that they can bring the concepts together and show Gratitude to others for offering different perspectives.

Some other useful ideas on the website below:-

<http://www.ichild.co.uk/tags/browse/370/Personal-Social-Emotional-Development-3-5-Years>

<https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nursery-improvement-partner/psed/>



Physical Development- During this half term we will be continuing to develop a range of skills within PE lessons: -Travelling with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. Showing increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. We shall also be building upon the skills we started to develop in Autumn term too. Children will also be provided with more activities involving cutting with scissors to improve their control and we will also be continuing in holding our pencils correctly to form letters for writing words and sentences. It is very important the children form letters correctly as this will help them in Year 1 when they start to join their writing.

More practical ideas to improve your child's physical development below: -

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years/early-years-physical-development>

<https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nursery-support/early-years-adviser/physical-development/> <https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nursery-support/early-years-adviser/physical-development/>



Mathematics – In Maths the children will be learning all about many aspects in the following areas: shape, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, space and time. This will include 2D and 3D shapes, using part-part whole with adding and taking away within 10, doubling amounts and sharing equally, using positional language and language linked to time. Within these sessions children will be taught key skills and then work in small groups to understand more about the topic they are learning that week.

More ideas can be found here:-

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>
<https://nrich.maths.org/early-years>



Literacy- We will be learning literacy skills through reading many different stories within 'Drawing Club' including 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next'. We will be using our phonics knowledge in writing sentences and stories independently. We will also be looking at many more stories through our daily 'Drawing Club' sessions. We will be really focusing on the children being able in writing sentences independently and being able to read what they have written back to us or someone else. During phonics, we will be continuing to learn the rest of the Phase 3 sounds. During Guided reading I will be listening for the children reading sentences aloud independently too using lots of smooth reading. Ideas online to help your child with their reading and writing development

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years>
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Understanding the World – This half term we will be exploring and learning all about Space. We will be asking questions about the natural world and the changes that Summer brings. We will be looking closely at the solar system and the different planets. We will also be looking at lots of information books and facts linked to each of the planets. We will also be learning about the recent Queen and what she did and where she lived etc and linking to the new King. Where can your child find some information about Space at home?

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics>



Expressive Arts and Design – This half-term we will be looking at singing songs and making up songs linked to Space along with making music and dances too. We will continue to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. The children will also have opportunities in using the loose parts to make them as well with the continuous provision areas around the classroom.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **PE DAYS** : Reception have P.E each week. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school everyday (**with names in all clothing please as we are still noticing many items do not have names in them**).
- **Reading**: Your child will continue to be given books. The children need to sound these out and blend them together in order for them to read the words and sentences independently. Your child will now be becoming more confident and more able in reading sentences fluently.

Many thanks for your kindness, we really appreciate your support!