

Owl Class

Autumn term 1 2026

Writing and Reading

We'll begin the year with **The Three Little Pigs Project**, using this familiar story as inspiration for our writing. Children will develop their ideas, vocabulary and sentence choices while continuing to build confidence in planning, drafting and improving their work.

Our class reading book will be **The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell**. We'll follow Vita and her friends on their daring adventure while developing key reading skills such as vocabulary, retrieval, inference, prediction and discussing ideas from the text.

Maths

We'll start the year by building strong foundations in place value, developing confidence with reading, writing, comparing and understanding increasingly large numbers.

We'll then move on to addition and subtraction, before beginning our work on multiplication and division. Throughout the half term, children will have plenty of opportunities to explain their thinking, spot patterns and apply their learning to problem-solving.

Science

Get ready to investigate the forces at work all around us! We'll explore **friction, air and water resistance and gravity**, using practical investigations to see how different forces affect movement. Children will also discover how mechanisms such as gears and pulleys can make a force more effective. Towards the end of the half term, we'll begin our journey into **space** and explore our Solar System.

Art

Our artists will explore how drawing can communicate **movement, emotion and depth**. Inspired by artists including **Charlie Mackesy and Elizabeth Catlett**, children will experiment with expressive lines, mark making and shading before exploring composition and printmaking.

French

Bonjour! This half term, we'll build our confidence in talking about ourselves and other people in French. Children will learn plural forms of être (to be), use adjectives accurately to describe groups of people and develop their questioning skills. We'll also build our knowledge of numbers and dates, giving children lots of opportunities to listen, speak, read and write in French.

Computing

How do computer systems work together? This half term, children will explore computer systems and networks, looking at how information moves between devices and how networks help us in everyday life. We'll also begin to explore how information is found online, including how search engines select and organise results, while continuing to build safe and responsible digital habits.

PE

It's time to get moving with **Tag Rugby!** Children will develop their passing, movement and attacking and defending skills while learning to communicate effectively and work as part of a team.

Music

Lights, camera... music! We'll explore how composers use music to transform a film scene and create **action, tension and emotion**. Children will listen closely to soundtracks, explore pitch, tempo and dynamics, interpret graphic scores and eventually create and perform their **own soundtrack for a film clip**.

History

We'll become historical detectives as we ask: What can the census tell us about local areas? Children will use real census records to investigate life in the past, including the lives and jobs of Victorian children, changes in society and what census evidence can reveal about the people who once lived in our own local area.

R.E.

Why is the Gospel such good news for Christians?

Children will explore the **Gospels and the teachings of Jesus**, thinking about why Christians see these messages as "good news". We'll also discover how the Gospels are used in church and consider how Jesus' teachings can influence the way Christians choose to live.

PSHE

Our big question is: **How can I support my mind and body as I grow?**

Children will explore how everyday choices can support both their **physical and emotional wellbeing**. We'll look at food labels and nutrition, physical activity, recognising and managing complex feelings and knowing when we — or someone else — might need a little extra support.