

Curriculum Learning Overview

Curriculum Learning Overview Spring Term 2025: Tawny Owls

This document will hopefully give you an overview of how Tawny Owls' learning will look during the Spring term.

Curriculum coverage:

- Maths and English are taught daily.
- PE will be on a Thursday and a Friday. Please send your child in their kit on these days.
- Music and French are taught weekly.

All other subjects are 'blocked' (taught daily over a period of 1 or 2 weeks). Please see page 2 for an outline of what will be covered in topics this term.

Please check your 'Class DoJo' app for messages throughout the week.

Let the office know if you do not have access to this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lines & Mrs Speight

English: Reading & Writing

Our class texts this term will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, Macbeth by Andrew Matthews, and The Orchard Book of Roman Myths.

We will also look at some non-fiction writing; our writing and reading will be based around these books and texts. We will be learning to write to inform, entertain and describe.

The children will continue to use our VIPERS acronym to enhance their comprehension skills and recognise different types of questions (**V**ocabulary, **I**nference, **P**redict, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve, **S**ummarise).



Maths

Our maths units this term are as follows:

- Multiplication and division
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and capacity

The children also complete a daily 'Fluency 5' task which focuses on arithmetic skills, as well as daily times tables practice.

Please continue to use Times Tables Rockstars at home as much as possible.

Music

During the first half term, we will be learning about the pentatonic scale – 5 notes found in musical cultures around the world and seemingly embedded into our human DNA.

In the second half term we will be learning the recorder. Children will need to bring their own descant/soprano recorder to school.

French

Le monde des animaux - jungle animals and pets

- Use a simple sentence to talk about their own pets and their likes and dislikes.
- Recall adjectives of size to describe pets.
- Recall and say numbers 1-30

PE

Mrs Speight will teach PE on a Thursday and Mrs McGeechan from Sporting Influence will teach on a Friday. In our lessons, we will be covering personal and social aspects of PE as well as dance and games.

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Art: Space

Lowry 'Fever Van'/David Hockney

Our focus will be on using space to create perspective within our artwork.

We will explore the famous artists Lowry and Hockney for some landscape inspiration.

RE: What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?

In RE, the children will learn how a range of religions teach right from wrong. They will also think about how these choices can affect people's beliefs.

History: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

This topic will explore the invasion by Claudius and conquests including Hadrian's wall.

PSHCE: Physical Health and Wellbeing – Keeping safe and managing risk

Pupils learn to recognise bullying and how it can make people feel. They will also learn about different types of bullying and how to respond to bullying incidents. Finally, they will learn about what to do if they witness bullying.

Computing

The children will be introduced to programming concepts such as coding, input, output, repetition, debugging and variables through a unit on 'sequencing sounds' using a piece of software called Scratch.

Science: Forces and Magnets

We will be covering two topics this term. For our learning in each, we will be:

- Comparing how things move on different surfaces
- Comparing and grouping objects depending on their properties
- Learning all about magnets and their properties
- Carrying out experiments

DT: Mechanical Systems- Slingshot Car

During this topic, children will learn to use a range of mechanical systems. This will result in them creating and launching their own car.

RE: Creation- What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

In this unit, the children will be learning to...

- Make connections between stories in the Bible and what Christians believe about creation, the Fall and salvation.
- To offer suggestions about what the story of Adam and Eve might show about human nature and how to act.
- Discuss their own and others' ideas about why humans do bad things and how people try to put things right.

Ideas for creative writing at home this term...

- To write instructions of how to make a sling shot car
- Create a power point about The Roman Empire.
- Design your own Chocolate Factory.
- Write your own play.

Spellings

We teach a particular spelling rule and set of 10 words each week, and we check on the children's learning on a Friday. A sheet gets send home on a Monday or Tuesday, with the words and some tasks, so you can support your child. We do not expect you to hand this in though.

Homework

For information about our Homework policy please click the link below:

[Homework | Federation of Follifoot and Spofforth](#)

We welcome and encourage children to continue their learning beyond school and share the results with us. We have consciously decided not to publish or set homework sheets to avoid these becoming a list to work through however there are some key weekly tasks/ activities that we would like all children to complete. These are outlined on this page alongside some ideas to encourage creative writing at home...

TT Rockstars App

Being confident at times tables helps all areas of Maths including problem solving. Daily Practice on TT Rockstars will improve times table recall and speed and incorrect answers are immediately corrected so that children start to associate the correct answer to every question.



Daily Reading

Learning to read – and to love to read – is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond.

Reading **daily** with and to your child is the single most important thing that you can do to help them with their learning.

For more information about how to support your child with their reading, please visit our school website.

Spelling Shed

Please remind your child to log on to Spelling Shed. This will help children consolidate the statutory spellings for their year group as well as revising the spelling rules. Their login can be found in their reading record.

