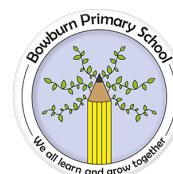


# Owls and Ospreys (Year 5)

## Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025-26



### What's On?

**Friday 19th September:** Trip to the Centre for Life, Newcastle—linked to our topic—Space

**Tuesday 30th September:** Adam Bushnell writing workshop.

**Tuesdays and Fridays:** Come to school wearing PE kit.

**Every other Thursday:** Forest School (dates tbc).



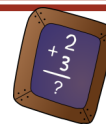
### English

Our class novel is called 'Space Oddity'. We will be writing for various purposes based on this.

We will do daily spelling/grammar lessons and whole-class reading each day too.

Children will receive a Star Book this week, which they can read at home and at school.

### Maths



We base our lessons on the White Rose Maths scheme of learning. This half term, this includes:

- Number and place value (numbers up to 1 million).
- Addition and subtraction (written column method addition and subtraction).
- Multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers.



### Science

Our topic is Earth and space, including:

- Modelling the solar system using sports equipment and Oreos!
- Describing the movement of the planets and our moon.
- Explaining day and night.



### PSHE/RSE

- Healthy lifestyles: Sun safety, viruses and bacteria
- Ourselves, growing and changing: Physical and emotional changes which happen during puberty

### History



Our topic is 'What have the Vikings to do with the North East?' Lessons will include:

- How do we know about what happened on Holy Island in 793 AD?
- What did the Vikings leave behind in the North East?
- What do the Vikings have to do with Durham Cathedral?



### Computing

Our topic is: Flat-file Databases.

We will look at how to organise data in records, using tools to order and answer questions about it, and creating graphs from data to solve problems.



### MFL: French

Phonics sounds in French and 'As tu un animal?' (Do you have a pet?).



### Design and Technology

Our topic is 'electrical systems'.

The children will be designing and making a mini fairground ride using components such as motors, batteries and wires.



### PE (Tuesdays & Fridays)

- Hockey
- Fitness



### RE



Our topic is 'Judaism and the Synagogue'. Lessons will cover:

- Who do I respect, follow and believe in?
- Who was Moses? Was he a good leader?
- Why do Jewish people visit a synagogue?



### Music

Our topic is 'The Planets'. We will be listening to Gustav Holst's composition to create and perform motifs and chords and record these on a musical score.



### Reminder...

- Homework books are sent home each Friday and due in the following **Wednesday**.
  - Play time snacks should be fruit
  - Bring a water bottle to school

### Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are welcome to join us at Christ the King Church at 10:30 on Friday 3rd October