

Owls

Summer 2nd 2026



Dear Parents/Carers of Owls,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the final half-term of Year 5. This half-term, we will be focusing on both our academic work AND our social and emotional wellbeing. Respect for ourselves, each other and all adults around the school is important for developing and sustaining a happy learning environment. I hope that we can work together, as a home-school partnership, in helping to support and encourage our young people in this area.

This Half-Term's Learning

This half-term, our topic is: **The Greatest Show on Earth**. We will be learning about the Great Exhibition of 1851, within the context of the Victorians. We will be exploring the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the lives of ordinary people and how the Great Exhibition (organised by Prince Albert) proved to be a significant turning point in British History. What changes came about as a result of the Great Exhibition? Were they all positive changes? What did people say about the Great Exhibition at the time? Why is it still remembered today?

Our topic hook will be a quiz about Victorian inventors and the amazing inventions. Our topic outcome will be a Great Exhibition of our topic work at the end of term.

Home Learning:

- ❖ Each week there will be Maths and English homework assignments on Century. These should be completed by Friday morning.
- ❖ Children should continue to use Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars daily.
- ❖ Children should be reading for 10 – 20 minutes every day. This should be recorded and Reading Logs handed in each Monday.

General:

- ❖ Children do not need to bring in stationery, although some children may prefer to have their own pens (blue, green and red), pencils, glue stick and whiteboard pen. Please ensure that these are labelled so the children know what belongs to them.
- ❖ Our PE days are **Wednesday (Tennis) and Friday (swimming / PE with Year 4)** – please ensure children have the correct kit and footwear. (However, sometimes there are changes to the timetable so PE kits need to be in school all the time). PE kits can stay in school for the half-term. **If children are coming to school already wearing their swimming costumes (under their uniforms) on Fridays, please remember to pack clean underwear for after swimming!**
- ❖ No jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons.
- ❖ Children may wear a watch and a pair of small silver/gold stud earrings for school – no bracelets.

- ❖ No makeup (including tinted lip balm and nail varnish) is to be worn.
- ❖ Hair is to be tied up at all times during the school day.
- ❖ Your child should bring in a snack, which they may eat at break time. This may include: a piece of fruit or vegetable, plain crackers, hummus, unprocessed cheese or plain rice cakes. A copy of the school snack policy can be found on the school website.
- ❖ Your child will also need a named bottle filled with water every day.
- ❖ Year 5 children will be dismissed from the back playground at the end of the school day. If you know that someone different will be collecting your child, please inform the school office (office@downham-ceap.essex.sch.uk) or catch me at the end of the day once all the children have been collected.

Should you have any questions, please an email via the school office (office@downham-ceap.essex.sch.uk) or catch me at the end of the day once all the children have been collected.

Kind regards,

Miss Boyd

