



# Milton Abbot Primary School

## Autumn 2022 - Curriculum Newsletter - Barn Owls

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Barn Owls. Myself, Ms Jonas and Mrs Cork are all amazed at how quickly the children have settled into their new class and their new routines.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this year and I cannot wait to see your Barn Owls grow as individuals. It's going to be an amazing year!

Miss King

### Phonics

There will be a parent meeting shortly all about phonics and how we support your child with reading in school.

Barn Owls are split into smaller groups for phonics, each led by a Read Write Inc (RWInc) trained member of staff. This is currently Miss King, Ms Jonas and Mrs Bird & Mrs Dowling for Barn Owls. This means that your child is working in a small group with lots of adult support and intervention. Alongside this, children that seem to be struggling are supported with additional interventions throughout the day.

Each Friday, your child will go home with the book they have read that week in phonics, a linked phonetically decodable text and a reading for pleasure book. Currently, the Reception Barn Owls are still learning to recognise sounds and are beginning to blend so they will be going home with only a reading for pleasure book for the time being.

If you would like more information about the RWInc program, please contact Miss King or Mrs Baldwin (Reading Lead at Milton Abbot)

### What will your children be learning?

**Science** We are beginning our work as scientists by learning about 'Materials'. We are learning about the different properties, such as opaque, transparent, magnetic and waterproof.

**History** This term we are learning about 'Entertainment Through Time', where we will be exploring how toys, sport, public events, holidays, technology, and music have changed in living memory.

**RE** We are answering the big question 'Who Made The World?' which will tie in to our Harvest celebration at the end of term. We be learning that the Christian telling of creation is the beginning of the 'big story' in the Bible.

**RHE** We will be working on "Me and My Relationships' this half term. This will involve learning about what makes me special, who are the special people in my life and who can help us.

**PE** On Wednesdays we will be exploring the world of dance, and on Thursdays we will be developing our ball skills.

**Art** Our first art unit will involve understanding line and introducing the use of a sketch book. We will be focusing on the artist Bridget Riley and will use a variety of different mediums including pen, pencil, oil pastels, chalk and charcoal to recreate our favourite patterned design.

**Computing** We are learning about 'Information and Technology Around Us', where we will identify what technology is with examples before exploring how to use a computer safely.