## OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL OWLS

#### English

In English this term we are studying the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. We will be using our reading skills such as prediction and inference to help us understand how an author develops characters. At the end of the unit, we will be writing our versions of the story and creating our characters.

In our reading lessons, we will be working on a range of reading skills as well as developing our vocabulary and using our background knowledge to explore new texts and answer a range of

#### **PSHE**

What are medicines and why and when do some people use them? What different things can help me feel better if I feel poorly? Our focus this term will be drug education with a focus on medicines, safety and risk.

### A

This half term we are finishing our topic on Materials by creating our waterproof experiments.

**Science** 

Our next unit will be 'Plants.' Within this unit, we will be learning about plants and also comparing how they would thrive in the light or dark.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Welcome to a brand new term of learning.

PE days: Tuesday and Wednesday – please ensure kit is in school and named! Do please make sure PE kit is in school every day as these days are subject to change.

Library Slot: Friday

Please speak to Miss Evans if you have any questions about our learning for this term.

Maths

We will start this term by continuing to explore 3D shapes, noting their different properties. We will then move on to learn about money. We will also be working on quick recall of 2, 5 and 10 x-tables.

#### PE

In PE we will be exploring sending and receiving skills. This will include throwing and catching as well as using a range of equipment.

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#### History

How has my locality changed over time? This half term, we will be looking at the history of our school and the wider community of Shepshed. We will consider jobs, significant buildings and where the Shepshed name originates from.

#### RE

Our learning question this half term is: What is the 'good news' Christians say Jesus brings? During this unit, we will learn about what the bible teaches Christians about forgiveness and peace. We will also learn about the importance of Easter to the Christian faith.



Art

Our unit this half term is Expressive Painting. We will be studying contemporary artists alongside classic artists such as Van Gogh and Cezanne. We will be learning about how we can explore colour using a variety of mark-making tools.

#### Music

This half term, our unit of work will focus on voice. We will appraise music, sing with accuracy and follow graphic notation.