

Owls Core Blended Primary - YEAR A - 2025-2026

TERM		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
TOPICS		Our Amazing Earth and Me	Down Under	Push, Pull and Move	Restless Earth	Living in the Past	From Seed to Success
My communication and Literacy	Literacy	Non-fiction - Biographies	Stories from other cultures	Factsheets and explanations	Chronological Reports	Stories with a Historical Setting	Non fiction
		Literacy Text: Neil Armstrong - Little People	Literacy Text: Rainbow Bird	Literacy Text:	Literacy Text:	Literacy Text:	Literacy Text:
		Possible activities: Biographies of famous space explorers Keeping a diary e.g. observations of seasonal changes Biography all about me	Plan, write and review simple stories Setting descriptions (hot, dry Australian places) Character descriptions (Australian animals)	Factsheets and explanations on different types of transport Answering how and why questions Using connectives Sequencing instructions Titles and sub-headings	Exploring newspapers and their layout Headlines about earthquakes and volcanoes 5 W's - who, what, when, where, why Sequencing; first, next, then. Considering layout of information	Links to WWII [Tail-End Charlie/The Lion and The Unicorn] Story structure Plan Writing Review	Labels, lists and captions linked to the theme of plants
My Thinking	Maths	Number Counting Number recognition Sequencing	Length/weight Heavy and light Using balance scales Long and short Ordering objects by length or weight	Number Addition and subtraction	Shape Naming/matching 2D shapes Symmetry Sequences and patterns	Number Multiplication and division	Capacity/temperature Full and empty Exploring the capacity of different containers Hot and cold
	Science	Earth and Space: Day and night, seasons, the sun, sources of light	Living things and their habitats Identifying and exploring different Australian animals the habitats that they live within.	Forces and Magnets Forces: Push, pull, twist - making things move Magnets: Magnetic and non-magnetic materials	Materials Rough and smooth/hard and soft exploration sessions Naming materials—wood/plastic/glass/fabric/metal Observing and identifying materials in our environment Different types of rocks, exploring the texture and colour Irreversible and reversible materials	Electricity: Simple circuits to light up. How buildings need power and light Turning switches on and off safely	Seasonal Changes - how weather and nature change, how plants grow and change, plant and animal life cycles
	Technology	Technology around us Pupils could use iPads or iPods to photograph all the examples of technology in their classroom.	Using software Pupils could use simple research skills (kid safe search engines, copy and paste) to	Programming (cause and effect) Pupils could start this unit using toy vehicles or other toys	Basic skills-typing Developing word processing skills linked to newspaper writing (headlines, captions for	Digital photography Pupils could use the iPads to practise taking pictures. They could also edit existing	Creating digital images Pupils could complete Paint or animation Projects in Mini Mash. These could be linked to

M	Compu	They could label these using word processing software if appropriate or using a matching activity in Purple Mash.	create a presentation/fact file/poster about Australia.	that move in the classroom. Can they describe the movement using terms such as forwards, backwards? Can they follow a simple	pictures.)	pictures using 2Paint a picture on Mini Mash. This could be linked to how photography equipment has changed over time.	their science learning on life cycles or seasonal changes.
	Humanities	Personal history Sequencing human growth, comparing past and present, my past experiences, how I have changed, my family tree.	Foreign locality, e.g. Australia (teacher choice) Investigating and research a place different to where I live - how is it different? Key information about a place, e.g. flag, language currency Explore a physical Geographical feature (e.g. Uluru), climate and wildlife, coral reef Explore human Geography e.g. Aboriginal history, customs and culture	Transport from the past How transport has changed over time Old and new ways of traveling Different modes of transport SOW	Physical Geography: The Earth Earthquakes and volcanoes	Britain since the 1930s, comparing life in the past to what it is like now.	Seasons and weather, wild weather and linking in to appropriate clothing.
My Body	PSHCE	Managing feelings Recognising emotions, Matching to Zones, Coping Skills, Causes	Respect and Bullying Sharing points of view, types of bullying and how to get help, discrimination	Personal Strengths, interests, setting goals.	Staying Safe: Privacy and personal boundaries; acceptable and unacceptable contact; personal safety and permission-seeking and giving.	Keeping Active: Benefits of a balanced lifestyle, balancing internet use, benefits of physical activity	Managing Change. Developing friendship skills, managing change, loss and bereavement, sources of support
	Cookery	Exploring cookery equipment, safety rules and using new/different cookery equipment safely. Waffles using waffle makers and mini cakes using electric whisks	Christmas Cooking with a focus on skills in using a rolling pin, cutters and an oven. Shortbread, gingerbrad, mincepieas and yule logs.	Healthy Eating, using fruit in dishes focusing on skills with mixing and using weighing scales. Fruit bars and breakfast bars.	Easter Celebration Foods focusing on skills such as kneading dough, using a microwave and a whisk. Pancakes, no yeast hot cross buns, easter nests.	Picnic Foods focusing on skills using a food processor, using an oven and following instructions. Cheese sticks, sandwiches, mini pizza	Summer foods focusing on skills such as using an oven, preparing food and following instructions. Fruit scones, cheese scones, hot dog roll ups
	PE	Football/Basketball Developing skills in small groups and beginning to combine.	Gymnastics Developing strength and transference of weight, rolling and jumping styles .	Trampoline Safe spotting, replicating shapes and twists and seat landing prep.	Mini-Tennis Striking the ball over the net, aiming and catching skills	Athletic Activities Using 'gears' to run over different distances.	Athletic Activities Developing javelin technique and combination jumps.

My Creativity	Art/DT	Drawing and Painting Exploring shape, line, colour, texture; drawing/painting landscapes, exploring shape line and colour in nature, texture rubbing from natural objects, creating art work inspired by Earth and Space.	Famous artists exploring different mediums Aboriginal dot painting techniques Drawing Australian animals and landscapes Patterns and textures inspired by Australian nature	D&T Mechanisms - how things move and work Making simple moving vehicles Exploring wheels, axles and simple machines Drawing and designing vehicles	DT- Sculpture and collage using natural materials Creating volcano models with clay Rock painting and texture exploration	D&T Structures - building shelters (poss. inc simple lighting) Making different structures and testing materials	DT-textiles and Art Using different art materials and fabrics to create underwater scenes/sensory experiences, experimenting with colour
		Teachers to choose topics in any order as long as all areas are covered, please see music co-ordinator for Charanga modules					
	Creative Arts	Pitch	Creative Arts	Soundscapes	Creative Arts	Texture	Creative arts
		Each half term to have a different musical focus Can link to topics					
My community	RE	Creation of the World Beliefs and Practices signs & Symbols Religious communities caring for Earth Beliefs about nature and creation -	Festivals and Celebrations Diwali - Festival of Lights Christmas traditions How celebrations happen around the world Hanakkah	Signs & Symbols Religious signs and symbols across world religions Symbols we see when traveling (road signs, station signs) How symbols help us understand meaning Transport in our community How people travel to places of worship Religious journeys and pilgrimages	Christianity Easter - the story of Jesus Easter symbols and their meanings How Christians celebrate Easter around the world Easter traditions in our community	Places of Worship Different places where people worship around the world Materials used to build religious buildings How communities built and rebuilt places of worship	Transition Belonging/Celebrating Our Achievements