

# The Otway News

Summer Term 2026

## Computing

We are still using **Purple Mash** to learn about graphing and branching data bases.

## Music

We are learning a song called **Bringing Us Together** which is about friendship, peace, hope and unity. We are also listening and appraising disco music! We also use the glockenspiels on a regular basis.

## Literacy

We have a lot to cover this term starting including persuasive letters, a non chronological report and narrative by looking at **The Iron Man**. We also look at a book called **Instructions**. Another great book is called **Festivals and Celebrations** where we look at a range of, sometimes weird, celebrations around the world.

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good Easter/holiday break and are raring to go in our final term together. It must be me getting older but this year seems to be zooming by!

Please look at what we are learning this term in this newsletter plus the reminder about home learning expectations.

You can still make contact via the yr 3 email.....[yr3@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk](mailto:yr3@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk)

Just a reminder that are TAs are.....

Mrs West and Mrs Charalambous.

Mrs Freislich is still covering my PPA on a Tuesday morning.

## DT/Art

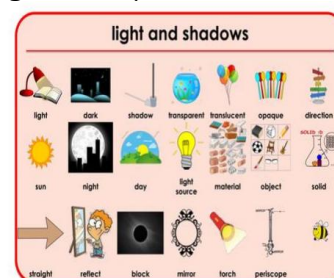
In D and T we are learning about turning a 2D plan into a 3D model. We are going to investigate pencil cases, then sew one!

Our Art unit is all about sculpture.

We are off to see some sculptures in a park in Leavesden in June.

## Science


In Science, our first topic is about light including light sources and why shadows change during the day.



Persuasive Letters 	Instructions 	Non-Chronological Report 	Narrative 	Poetry: Take One Poet 
  	 		 	

Our second topic is all about plants.

**The Structure of Plants**  
Most plants have a similar structure with roots, stems and leaves (and sometimes flowers too). Each of these different parts do a specific job:



**Flower**  
The flower is needed for reproduction. It contains pollen and eggs which make seeds to make new plants.

**Leaves**  
Leaves are required for nutrition. A process called photosynthesis creates food for the plant there.

**Stem**  
The stem holds the plant and moves it towards the light. It also transports food and water around the plant.

**Roots (and root hairs)**  
These soak up water and nutrients from the soil. They also anchor the plant in the ground, so that it doesn't blow over.

**History/Geography**

Our History topic is about local history so if you have any old photos of Colney Heath, we would love to see them!

In Geography we are comparing the UK with France.



**Maths Lots of Maths....**

We have a maths fluency session every day-this is designed to make learning 'stick'



We follow a Herts Scheme which, for this term, includes lots of work on fractions including ordering, adding and subtracting fractions, time, formal multiplication methods as well as division.

**Joke of the term.....**

How do you make a water bed bouncer?  
Put some Spring water into it!!




**PSHE/RE**

Our two topics are Relationships and Changing me. In RE we are learning about Christianity and What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? We are also learning how Christian, Muslim, and

**PE**

This term we are going swimming!  
We will also do tennis and striking and fielding games and 'golf'

	<p>non-religious people try to care for the world.</p>	
<p><b><u>French</u></b></p>  <p>Bonjour! This term we are learning about vegetables, fruit and animals.</p>	<p><b><u>Home learning</u></b></p> <p>We do spelling daily but I always give you some spellings of the week on our webpage each week so you might like to practice them. We expect children to read at least 3-4x a week. It doesn't have to be a school book but something they enjoy. We also expect children to use TTRockstars. Times tables are essential for so many aspects of maths including division and fractions. By the power of a button I can see who is using it! You can also use Purple mash at home to practice things we have done in class.</p>	
<p><b><u>Assembly</u></b></p> <p>Our final class assembly will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am and then back to class to look at some of our work.</p>	<p><b><u>Reminders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please label EVERYTHING! We nearly always have a spare t-shirt or pair of shorts that we can't find an owner of after each PE lesson. Talking of PE, our lesson is on THURSDAY and TUESDAY. Too many children still do NOT have their PE kit in school on these days.</li> <li>• Keep checking the class webpage, you will find most information on here. Look at the extra information about home learning on here including reading.</li> </ul>	