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Computing:

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How can you support at home...

- Homework support
- Spellings
- Daily reading
- Times table practice on TTRockstars
- Use of Class Dojo



Maths:

We will be starting the year with a place value unit, learning how to partition, compare and order 4-digit numbers. We will also how to round numbers to the nearest 1, 10, 100 and 1000. After this we will move on to learn about addition and subtraction, focusing on ways to add and subtract 4-digit numbers, with and without exchanging.



Barn Owls
Year 4



Physical Education:

Our PE sessions this term will take place on Mondays and Fridays. We will be doing dance, focusing on how to construct a dance and gymnastics, focusing on counter balance.



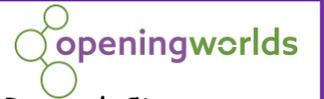
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Science : Animals including humans : Biology

In science this half term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. Through this we will be learning about how some living things begin as eggs, pollination and plant reproduction.



History:

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Year 5



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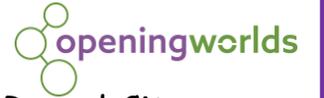
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