

Owls Newsletter

Spring Term 2018



I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and feel recharged and refreshed ready for the new term of Turrets and Tiaras.

Learning Enrichment Activities

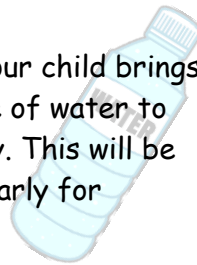
The new term began with an exciting 'stunning start' as the children went on an adventure heading deep into the forest, riding on unicorns, to save the knights and princesses who had been locked away in a tower, guarded by an evil villain (**Friday 5th January**).

School Uniform

Please check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. I always check any clothes in our basket daily and return them. The children will be making use of the outside areas and require a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and a hat when outside.

Drinks

Please ensure your child brings a labelled bottle of water to school every day. This will be sent home regularly for cleaning.



Perform Workshop

Dates for your Diary

- The Spring term parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 20th February 2018 from 5pm and Thursday 22nd February 2018 from 3.30pm.**
- The date for the new National Key Stage One assessments will take place during the month of May. Requests for a child's absence, such as a holiday, during this period will be declined.
- Year 2 SATS Information event - An important event to learn about the National Assessments children will be taking in May. **February 2018 (exact date TBC)**

Forest School

Forest School is underway, and the children seem very excited after each session! They have already been very busy making 'bug hotels', climbing trees, making dens and magic wands. They are looking forward to building a fire to cook s'mores in the coming weeks! Please ensure your child has warm clothing and appropriate footwear.

Handwriting Star of the Week

Children are nominated each week for demonstrating great effort with their handwriting in all lessons. The winner had the opportunity to use the special Roald Dahl pencil all week!

"This pencil is amazing!
It writes smoothly and
it's really pretty!"



Learning at Home

Thank you for your continued support with helping your child practice their learning at home!

Spellings

A new Home Spellings Book 2 will be sent home for your child to complete. Book 2 contains 'Common Exception Words' for Year 2 which your child will be assessed against, as part of the national assessments for Key Stage One. Please continue to learn these spellings three times a week. The home spellings will be checked regularly at school to check their progress. I will highlight the words your child has spelt correctly at the back of the spelling book.

Spelling Book 2 will be sent home every Monday and should be returned on the Friday.

Mathematics

Maths homework will now be split into two different tasks, set alternatively on Monday's and are due in the following Monday.

MyMaths: the first MyMaths homework was set on the 8th January and will continue to be set on alternate Monday's from this date.

Home Maths Book: multiplication/division facts and arithmetic questions will now be sent home in the children's yellow Home Maths Book on alternate weeks to their MyMaths tasks. Please encourage your child to use different methods to help them answer the calculations (mental strategies are given in the book). The Home Maths Book will be sent home on the 15th of January.

Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed when necessary. Please ensure your child has their book in school every day. A reminder that the children earn a tick/stamp towards a reading reward every time they read three or more times per week. I would encourage you to help the progression of your child's reading by asking them questions about the book regularly; examples of questions can be found in your child's reading record.

Values

This term the themes are...

January - Unity

February - Liberty

March - Courage

April - Patience

Attendance

Owl's won the attendance bear last half-term, and really enjoyed having it in our classroom, helping us learn! However, we did not manage to keep the bear in our class this half-term, so let's try our best to win the attendance bear back this half-term!



Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to Easter.

I look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations after February half-term to discuss your child's progress and how you can further support your child at home. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Heaslip