Owls Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Owls class! The children have all settled into year 2 and are all getting used to their new classroom. There are lots of exciting activities and events planned this year and we are looking forward to many new experiences.

All children in Owls learn that they have rights at school. They have the right to learn, to be safe, to be happy and to be included. The children have already identified what makes a happy classroom and have accepted our Golden Rules to ensure these rights are met.

Our Golden Rules:

- We are gentle we don't hurt others
- We are kind and helpful
 we don't hurt anybody's feelings
- We listen we don't interrupt
- We are honest we don't cover up the truth
- We work hard we don't waste our own or other's time
- We look after property
 we don't waste or damage things



Drinks and healthy snacks

Every child in Reception and KS1 classes is provided with a piece of fruit/vegetables at morning break. The choice changes daily and all children are encouraged to try the variety of delicious healthy snacks available.

Children should have a <u>water</u> <u>bottle in school every day</u> that will come home each day to be cleaned and refilled.

Dates for your Diary

- Next month year 3 and 4 will be celebrating the harvest with a performance at the church. The date and time will follow shortly in the school Newsletter please be sure to read this regularly for important updates.
- Owls first class excursion will take place this term with a visit to Stoke Bruerne, subject to confirmation. The trip will be a fantastic part of our topic 'Splish, Splash, Splosh. Letters will be sent home shortly.
- The Autumn term parent consultations will be held on Tuesdav 16th October from 5.00pm and Thursdav

PE

Our PE lessons are on Monday and Tuesday, although we appreciate PE kit being available in school all week. We will take some of our PE lessons outside this term, so please send in jogging bottoms and a separate jumper, as well as tshirt, shorts and trainers. Girls will need their hair tied back on PE days and anyone with earrings should either take them out on these days or bring in some micropore tape to cover their ears.

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure that we can easily return lost items (and make sure everyone keeps the right PE kit!).

Special Times

We do not have a specific 'show-and-tell' time in Owls. Any items to be shared with the class need to be related to our topic. We will look at them sometime during our busy week.

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

Homework Breakdown

We expect children in Year Two to be completing *no more than one hour* of homework each week. Children in Owls Class are expected to complete the following Learning at Home on a weekly basis:

- Reading at home: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Home Spelling book: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Maths Whizz: 3 times a week, more information to follow
- Learning Log activities: (optional)

Library

Over the summer holidays we are very excited to announce that a new library space has been created for all of the children to enjoy. Library books will be given out on Fridays. These should be in school every Friday in order fo them to be changed or renewed. Children have the opportunity to choose from a selection of fiction and information books according to their interests.

Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum information sheet for the Autumn term taking us up to Christmas. Our Creative Curriculum supports the New National Curriculum Year 2 programmes of study for Science, Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography, History, Music and Physical Education. As part of our commitment to promoting children's spiritual, moral and cultural development, our curriculum also includes Religious Education and PSHE. The National assessments will be administered during May 2019 and requests for absences during this period will not be permitted.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Heaslip

