

# Owls Newsletter

Spring Term 2019



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

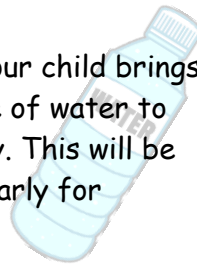
The new term began with an exciting afternoon where the children went on an adventure. They headed deep into the forest, riding on horses, to save the knights and princesses who had been locked away in a tower, guarded by an evil dragon in their drama and dance filled lesson.

## 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.



**Drama/Dance Afternoon**

## Dates for your Diary

- The Spring term parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 5pm** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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.
- **25<sup>th</sup> February** - tree planting assembly by Jo Roberts, Marston Vale Forest. All children will be given the opportunity to plant trees during the week.
- Year 2 SATS Information event - An important event to learn about the National Assessments children will be taking in May. This event will take place on the **28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 3:30pm.**

## Attendance

Owls are trying exceptionally hard to win the attendance bear as we would really enjoy having Attendance Ted in our classroom helping us to learn! Let's continue to try our best to win the attendance bear this half-term!



## PE

Our PE lessons are now on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**, 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, a separate jumper, and trainers** as well as **t-shirt, shorts and plimsoles**. 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.

# Learning at Home

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

## Spellings

Home spellings are to be completed **three times per week**. A list of spellings will be found at the beginning of each main page and should be practiced three times during the week with the date at the top of the column. Please fold the pages to help your child follow our Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy (See spelling book for information on this strategy). Please ensure your child brings their Home Spelling book into school each day as I will be checking them at random intervals. Spelling Books will be sent home every **Monday** and should be returned on the **Friday**.

## Mathematics

### Maths Whizz

All of the children at Houghton Conquest are thoroughly enjoying engaging with Maths Whizz. Please do encourage your child to log onto Maths Whizz for **45 minutes a week** to achieve a minimum of **three progressions** by participating within a range of activities that are personalised to your child's individual needs. Please do take time to log on yourselves to track your child's progress and leave messages of encouragement for your child!



**Maths-Whizz**  
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## 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 - Co-operation

February - Democracy

March - Forgiveness

April - Trust

I have noticed a few children in Owls class are wearing new watches or fitness bands, which they received at Christmas. Whilst this is absolutely fine, it is important to know that we as a school are not responsible for the care of these items; for the safety of these items, it may be worth considering that they are not worn on PE days.

### Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to Easter. I look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations before the 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

