

Owls Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

Welcome back to the Summer term, as we begin our topic 'Into the Secret Garden'. I hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter and are ready for an exciting Summer term. As you will already be aware, this is an important term for the children as they will be undertaking national tests for the end of Key Stage One.

School Uniform

Take time to **check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name**. The children will be making use of the outside areas and will require suitable clothing for any wet or hot weather we may have over this term. Please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat and a sun hat**. **A reminder that sunscreen should be applied at home in the morning before school and should last the whole school day.**

Drinks

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



Dates for your Diary

- The Key Stage One national assessments will commence at any time during the month of May.
- We are looking forward to a visit around Houghton Conquest to identify trees. The provisional date booked is for the afternoon of the 22nd May, with an alternative date of the 5th June.
- The date for Sports day will be shared with you very soon, so please keep an eye on the calendar on the school website.
- During the second half of the summer term Owls class will be looking to venture to Swiss Gardens for our school trip to consolidate our learning of plants. More information to follow.
- Towards the end of the summer term the children will begin their transition into year 3 and will spend the day as a Year 3, dates will follow.
- Owls class assembly will take place towards the end of summer on the 27th June at 9:15am. so please come along.

Learning Enrichment Activities

We will be spending time this term planting and upkeeping our class garden area. **Please provide children with a change of clothes and shoes or wellies for gardening to keep on their pegs**. Our Stunning Start afternoons will begin, where the children are given opportunities to clear weeds, prepare the ground and plant some seeds. They will also have time to explore the school grounds and discuss what they see.

Learning at Home

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

Spellings

Please continue to learn the 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.

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**. Encourage your child to refer to the text when answering questions. Comprehension and understanding of texts is assessed during the May 2018 assessments and **your support at home does make a huge difference**.

Values

This term the themes are...

April - Trust

May- Honesty

June - Tolerance

July - Understanding

Volunteers

Tree identification walk around Houghton Conquest:

We will be having a walk around the village to identify and name different trees in the locality as part of our Science and Geography learning. We require volunteers to accompany us and lead a group for this activity. If you are able to help on **Wednesday 22nd May** in the afternoon please could you let me know, it would be much appreciated. We have an alternative date of the 5th June, weather permitting.

Key Stage One National Assessments - How you can help your child?

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practice.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading.
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every day!

Attendance

We did not manage to win the bear this term for the best attendance despite our great efforts; we were only 0.15% off! Let's continue to try our best to win the attendance bear back this half-term!



Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map and class timetable taking us up to the end of summer.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Heaslip