

Owls Newsletter



Summer Term 2021

It is the Summer term, and we have already been busy diving into our topic 'Into the Secret Garden'. Children are thoroughly enjoying this topic, as we are spending lots of time in the outdoors and immersing ourselves with nature.

We will be spending lots of time doing some gardening and observing the natural wonders of our world!

School Uniform

As the shops have reopened, please can I ask you to make sure your child is dressed correctly in our school uniform. If you are unsure of what the uniform is, please do not hesitate to look on our school website.

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 suncream 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

- Our virtual parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 25th May** and **Thursday 27th May**, you will find the booking appointment sheets under the canopy, to the right hand-side of the green gate.
- 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 with further information.

Learning Enrichment Activities

We will be spending time this term planting and upkeeping our class garden area. If possible, we would appreciate it if you could **please provide children with a change of clothes and shoes or wellies for gardening to keep on their pegs**. During some afternoons the children will be given the opportunity to clear weeds, prepare the ground and plant some seeds, enabling them to monitor and observe them, as they grow. They will also have time to explore the school grounds and discuss what they see.

PE

Our PE lessons will continue to be on **Wednesday afternoons** and therefore your child will be required to come dressed for PE on this day. A lot of our PE lessons will be outside this term, so please ensure your child is dressed in **jogging bottoms, a separate jumper, trainers as well as their PE t-shirt and shorts**. Long hair will need to be 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.

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 **3x per week**. New spellings are added to their spelling book each week. Please help your child follow our Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy (See spelling book for information on this strategy).

Spelling Books will be sent home every **Monday** and should be returned on the **Friday**.

Mathematics - Numbots

All of the children at Houghton Conquest are thoroughly enjoying engaging with Numbots. Last term your child was sent home a log in to this facility, and I hope you have had some time to explore and engage with it.

We now would like to encourage your child to log onto Numbots for up to 20 **minutes a week** by participating within a range of number activities that are personalised to your child's individual needs.



Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed **twice** a week, allowing books to be quarantined in between. **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...

April - Trust

May- Honesty

June - Tolerance

July - Understanding

How can you help your child at home?

Exercise - Our brains need some oxygen flowing through them so whether it's kicking a ball, learning a dance video, jumping on the trampoline or creating an obstacle course in the garden - make some time for exercise.

Eat together and talk - At the kitchen table, talk about what you've been doing during the day for work. Ask them to share the things that they've learnt, talk about big topics like the environment, society, economy, health. You might be surprised by your child's opinions on the big things, however small they are.

Have a routine but be flexible - Our children are used to having a structured day and many thrive on that. If that's your child, then adopt a routine that's closely linked to the school day.

Read - Read together and alone, create cosy reading dens and specific time to read. Keep a record of all the reading you've done to impress us!

Show and Tell

We do not have a specific 'show-and-tell' time in Owls. Any items that your child wishes to share with the class need to be related to our topic and handed to the class teacher. Then they will be shared during the course of the week.

Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to the end of summer. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for your support.

Miss Heaslip and Mrs Blake