

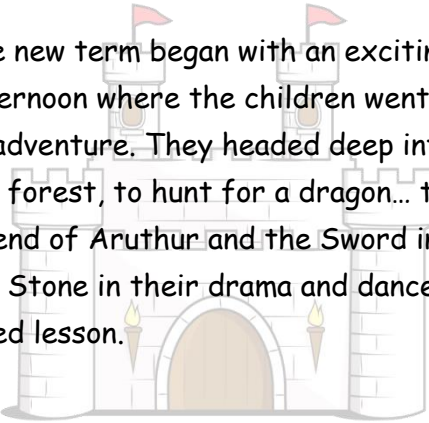
Owls Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, we would like to thank you all for your kind cards and gifts. We hope you 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, to hunt for a dragon... the legend of Aruthur and the Sword in the Stone in their drama and dance filled lesson.



School Uniform

Please check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. We always check any clothes in our cloakroom 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. Your child will have access to their drink throughout the school day. This will be sent home regularly for cleaning.



Dates for your Diary

- The spring term parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 from 3:40pm** and **Thursday 10th February 2022 from 5pm**, at present this event will be held in person, however this could change to a virtual parents evening based on government guidance nearer the time of the event.
- 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. This event will take place on the 10th March 2022 at 3:30pm

Forest School

This term Owls class will be taking part in Forest School, which will be held every **Tuesday afternoon** (half the class before half term and the other half after). Please can you ensure your child has their Forest School clothes with them for their allocated sessions.

PE

Our PE lesson is now on **Wednesday afternoon**, and therefore your child will be required to have their PE kit in school on those days. We will take some of our PE lessons outside this term, so please ensure your child has **jogging bottoms, a separate jumper and trainers** as well as **their t-shirt and shorts**. Long hair needs 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.

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 practise their learning at home!

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. 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

KS1 children at Houghton Conquest are thoroughly enjoying engaging with NumBots. Last term your child was sent home a log in for this programme 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 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

Special Times - Show and Tell

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.

Curriculum

Our curriculum map taking us up to Easter can be found on the Curriculum page of our website.

We 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 us.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Blake and Miss Heaslip