

# Owls Newsletter



## Summer Term 2023

It is the Summer term, and we have already been busy diving into our topic 'Into the 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

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

- The 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.
- As a school we are celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May. Please come along!
- Sports day: details to following shortly.
- 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.
- We are busy planning the children's school trip to take place after the May half term, so please keep an eye out for any additional information regarding this.

### 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 **Monday afternoons** and therefore your child will be required to bring in their PE kit on this day. A lot of our PE lessons will be outside this term, so please ensure your child has **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.

# 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

Numbots is now an optional activity as there is an alternative listed below. However, if possible we would like you to continue 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.



**Alternatively**, we are also providing your child with a home mathematics book where you will find questions for your child to answer. **Mathematics books** will be sent home every **Monday** and should be returned on the **Friday**.

## Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed **twice** a week. **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 - Hope

May - Caring

June - Democracy

July - Forgiveness

### 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. They will then be shared during the course of the week.

### Curriculum

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