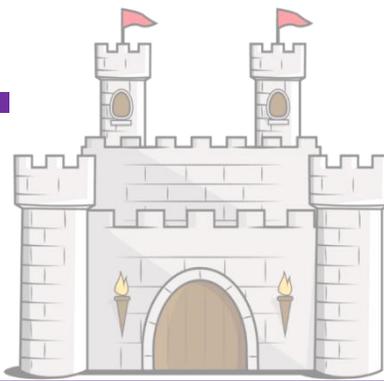


Owls Newsletter

Spring Term 2024



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.

We begin 2024 with a new topic - 'Turrets and Tiaras'. We will be learning about castles, traditional tales and the history of the Monarchy amongst other things. In maths we will be continuing with addition and subtraction, moving on to multiplication and division and we will also begin to explore money and time this term.

Our literacy lessons begin with a lovely story called 'Prince Cinders', a traditional tale with a twist!

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.



Dates for your Diary

- Safer Internet Day – 6th February Children will be taking part in a range of activities related to internet safety on this day, more details to follow.
- Celebration of Religion – 8th February The school will be involved in a wide variety of activities that celebrate a range of religions and traditions, more details to follow.
- Parents Evening Appointment (main school only) – 13th February 3:40-6pm and 15th February 5-7pm During parents evening you will have the opportunity to look at your child's books. Sign-up sheets will be shared shortly.

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.

Learning at Home

PE

Our PE lesson is on a Monday **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.

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

The children will now be bringing home Maths homework on a weekly basis. This will be linked to what we have been working on in school and is a good way for them to share their learning with you and consolidate their understanding.

Homework books will be sent out on a **Wednesday** and need to be returned on a **Monday**.

Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed at least 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...

January - Appreciation

February - Positivity

March - Liberty

April - Hope

Special Times - Show and Tell

The specific 'show-and-tell' time in Owls is a Tuesday. Any items to be shared with the class need to be related to our topic. We will endeavor to look at them sometime during that day.

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 Wadeson and Mrs Blake