

# Owls Newsletter

Summer Term 2024



This term our topic is 'Into the Garden'.

Please see our separate curriculum overview to see what exciting things we will be getting up to.

## 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 trousers 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.

## Dates for your Diary

- Our Class assembly will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. We look forward to sharing our learning from this term with you.
- The children will be going to Swiss Gardens at Shuttleworth on a school trip, where they will be carrying out different activities around the gardens, to enhance our learning on plants. The trip will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please look out for more information on this in the coming weeks.

## Library Books

Our library day is a Monday. Please ensure children return their library books on a Monday, ready to choose a new one. We are unable to give out new books until the old one is returned.

Happy reading!

## PE

Our PE lessons will now be on Wednesday **afternoon** and your child will be required to bring 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

The children will continue to bring home Maths homework on a Wednesday. This is a really good opportunity for the children to consolidate the learning that has taken place in school. **Please ensure homework books are returned to school on a Monday.**

All children have now been given their logins for Timestable Rockstars. This is a really fun way to learn your times tables and we encourage you to login weekly to help support your child's progress.

## Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed by the children as and when they need to. **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

'Show and Tell' will now be on a Monday. Children can bring in items from home which relate to our 'Into the Garden' topic to share with the class. Any items that your child wishes to share need to be handed to the class teacher.

## 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 Mrs Wadeson