

Owl Class Newsletter



September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Owl Class and the start of another school year. Here are some pieces of information I hope you will find useful to make you aware of class routines. A curriculum map for this term, which will show you the theme of the term and how this ties in with several of the curriculum areas, is available on the school website. For other subjects such as English, maths and science we will be following the new National Curriculum for the relevant year group. If you require any further information please speak with me and I will answer any questions.

PE

PE lessons will take place every Monday and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to arrive in their PE kit and be expected to wear this for the rest of the day. Long hair should be tied back. Earrings should be removed, for health and safety. If your child is unable to take part in PE, due to a physical injury, please provide the school office with a doctor's note. For this term children need to have available an outdoor PE kit, including trainers.

Reading

In Owl Class, reading strategies are taught in English lessons through shared reading. As part of your child's homework we would like you to encourage him/her to read independently at home. As your child is in Lower Key Stage 2, please try to encourage him/her to read for sustained periods of time - an average of 15 minutes three times a week. It is important the children read a variety of material, such as fiction, non-fiction and poetry. It is not always necessary for your child to read aloud to another person. If you discuss the book after your child has finished, this will help you to check his/her understanding of what has been read. Please sign, date and number your child's reading record after a reading session. The children are then responsible for changing their books, as necessary, during break times.

Homework

Spelling - the children will have a list of key words they need to learn each week and handwriting practice is encouraged within each piece of homework.

Times Tables - the children will be expected to earn at least 500 coins on TT Rockstars each week.

English/Maths - the children may often be given a weekly task of either English or maths to complete.

All homework will be handed out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday in order for the children to receive feedback.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the points based rewards system that is being used within school. Children can earn points individually to earn rewards. Points will be awarded for attitude relating to Building Learning Power, achievement and for completion of homework. Points can be taken away for undesirable behaviour, late or incomplete homework or not being prepared for lessons e.g. no reading book/record or no P.E. kit. Parents can connect to Class Dojo in order to view the points their child has earned however at this time we will not be using the story or messaging features.

Food Allergies / Medicine

Please be aware that our First Aid staff are only permitted to administer medication if prescribed by a GP or hospital doctor. If your child does have any medication that needs to be taken or stored at school, please tell us and we can give you the appropriate forms to complete.

If you are worried or have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to come in and talk to me.

Mr Deighton
Class Teacher