



Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2022

Dear parents/carers,

It has been brilliant to welcome the children back to school at the beginning of the autumn term. The children have settled back into the routine of the school day, they have been so enthusiastic and engaged, and even though we have not been back long, there has been so much learning going on in the classroom!

Learning in Autumn Term 1

This half-term the children's learning will focus on History. In our History lessons we will be learning about World War 1 and the impact this had on our local community, English will be linked to this and the children will learn to write narratives based on *Rose Blanche* by Ian McEwan. Before the half-term break the children will learn to write journals based on *Mars Transmissions*. The children will discover more about Mars when the children learn about the Solar System in Science. In Maths the children will develop their confidence with number and develop an understanding of place value with larger numbers. Furthermore, they will develop secure methods to calculate the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In RE, the children will focus on Christianity and will discover how Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate. In Computing, the children will explore search technologies and how to use search engines and refine their searches. In their Art lessons, the children, will look at the intentions of artists and how they are able to express meaning through their work. Developing their knowledge in French, the children will learn how to discuss activities they have done at the weekend. In PE this half-term, the children will create their own dance routines and develop their skills in basketball. While in PSHE the children will focus on the importance of teamwork and working together.

Reading and Homework

In UKS2 it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind your children to log all of their reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records when they have read. Please ensure that reading records are returned to school on a daily basis. The reading challenge will continue this term to inspire the children to develop a love of reading and get them into the habit of reading daily.



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Each week, homework will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and will need to be returned completed on Tuesday. Children in Year 5 receive Mathematics and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation homework, while the children in Year 6 receive Mathematics, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and an additional piece of Comprehension. The children will receive their first piece of homework on Friday 16th September 2022.

On a Monday morning the children have a weekly times table test, the schedule can be found in their reading diaries and the results are sent home each week. Please encourage the children to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables. It is best to play little and often and certificates are issued to children who improve their 'Rock Status'.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day.

PE kits

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesday this term. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates. The children have made an excellent start to the term, I am looking forward to working with the class and hope they continue to grow and flourish in Owl Class.

Mr Rolfe