



Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2025

Dear parents/carers,

It has been brilliant to welcome the children back to school at the beginning of the autumn term. Even though we have not been back long, there has been so much learning going on in the classroom!

Our Learning:

In **English** the children will learn to write narratives based on Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Before the half-term break the children will learn to write a speech using Greta Thunberg's speech 'No One is Too Small to Make a Difference' as inspiration.

In **Maths** the children will develop an understanding of place value with larger numbers. They will also develop secure methods for the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In **Science** the children will learn about how humans change over their lifetime.

In **Humanities** the children's learning will focus on History. In our History lessons we will be learning about Harriet Tubman and the slave trade.

In **RE**, the children will focus on Christianity and will discover why the gospel is such good news for Christians.

In **Computing**, the children will learn how to keep themselves safe online.

In their **Art** lessons, the children will look at mixed media portraits in the style of Chila Kumari Singh Burman.

Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn how to discuss whether they have pets.

In **PE** this half-term, the develop skills in Tag Rugby and Football.



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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.

At the start of each term, homework will be sent home in the form of a project, linked to an area of learning. This half term's project links to our History topic, exploring the life of Harriet Tubman and the slave trade. The expectation is that children spend some time researching this topic to produce a project that is due in during the last week of the half term. This project can be presented in many ways, from a piece of writing to a poster, from a PowerPoint presentation to a painting – however they want to creatively show their work.

Times tables will continue to be a focus in UKS2. Please encourage the children to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables. There is an expectation that they complete 15 garage games every week. Please speak to me if the children are having difficulty with this or there are problems accessing technology.

Spellings will be set each week and will come home on a Monday, glued into the reading records. These will be tested on a Friday. Please try to find some time to help the children to practice these as good spelling can have a huge impact on the quality of their written work.

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 Thursday and Friday 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.



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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 Smith