



Owl Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026

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 The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, before switching their focus to non-fiction, to write speeches tackling plastic pollution. In grammar lessons the children will learn about expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials – using what they are taught to apply these techniques to setting descriptions and adventure writing.

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 be learning about Earth and space. Throughout the unit they will gain an understanding of how the solar system has changed over time.

In **Humanities**, the children's learning will focus on History. In our History lessons we will be studying our local area, considering how it has changed over time.

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 look at computing systems and networks, exploring how data is transferred over the internet and studying the structure of data packets.

In their **Art** lessons, the children will look at drawing techniques, exploring tone, texture and proportion.

In **French**, the children will recap key phonological basics of the language, before learning to speak and write about their pets.



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In **Music**, the class are receiving lessons from the Suffolk Music Service and will all be learning to play the violin.

In **PE** this half-term, the children will be receiving lessons from Premier Education, developing skills in Tag Rugby and Football.

In **PSHE**, the topic of conversations will be Relationships. During these lessons children will learn how to be role models, discuss the importance of healthy friendships and consider the role of peer influence.

Reading, Homework, Times Tables and Spellings

In **UKS2** it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis. Please 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 Science topic, exploring Earth and space. 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 10 garage games every week. Please speak to me if the children are having difficulty with this or there are problems accessing technology.

Spellings for the whole half-term will be sent home during the first week. Each week we will spend some time in class briefly looking at the target spellings for that specific week but it is really important that children are supported with practicing these at home. 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.



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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 Monday 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.

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