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## **Owls Newsletter** – Autumn Term (1), 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I wanted to welcome you all to Owls and share my excitement for the upcoming school year.. This half term the 3-week blocks that we will teach are on **History** and **DT**. In History we will begin focusing on “Ancient Egypt” a favorite of mine! I cannot wait to get the pupils buzzing about the pyramids, mummification and ancient Gods and Goddesses! In DT we will be working on an applique project, practicing our sewing skills.

In **Music**, we will begin our weekly **music tuition** on Friday. Please ensure pupils have their instrument on Friday. We are excited to announce we are learning the violin this year and cannot wait to welcome Mr Culpin.

In **Maths** Pupils will be working on:

Year 4: Place Value and Addition and Subtraction

Year 5: Place Value and Addition and Subtraction

In **English** I am excited to announce we will be trialling a slightly different approach with our schedule. We will be integrating writing and grammar together and teaching this daily for shorter (45-60 minute) sessions. Reading comprehension will be daily (20 minutes) and directly connected to our classroom novel. This half term I was very excited to share that we are reading “The Tiger Rising.” This powerful novel showcases the power of imagery in stories and how to pay close attention to the subtle messages the author is giving the reader. I believe the pupils will love it!

I am also excited to share that we will be having **Forest School** this term. This will take place on a Wednesday morning. Please send your pupil ready for Forest School with their uniform to change into for the afternoon.

**Home Learning: *This will be set on FRIDAY and be DUE FRIDAY.***

Maths	White rose workbook & Timetable rockstars
Spelling	This term these will focus on common exception words from the year groups respective lists. These will also be shared on spelling shed.

Writing	One weekly writing task will be assigned
Reading	A MINIMIUM of 3 nights a week for 20 minutes! Watch this space for a new reading challenge in Owls! 😊

I cannot wait for a wonderful autumn term! If you have any questions, please do get in touch at my email address listed below.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Reavis & Ms Robson*

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### What do I need and when?

Wednesday- Forest School Clothing

Friday- Violin, P.E kit & Homework DUE

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