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Owls Class Newsletter – Autumn term 1, 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back, to the start of a brand new school year. Owls class have had a wonderful start to the term. The children are settling into their new routines and expectations extremely well after only a week in school.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic Autumn term, with lots of exciting events to look forward to. There are many opportunities this term for families to come and join us for a range of events and we look forward to seeing many of you there. This week we are starting with our 'Owls class Parents Information Meeting' on Wednesday 16th September at 3pm, we hope to see you there.

Owls class curriculum

This half term the 3-week blocks that we will teach are on **History** and **Design and Technology**. In History, the pupils will be learning about 'The Blitz' developing an understanding of the events leading up to and during World War II. In **DT** The aim of this topic is for children to prepare and make a savoury slice, applying their knowledge of a healthy and balanced diet.

In **Maths** pupils will be working on their understanding of place value and calculations. In Year 4; recognising and ordering numbers to ten thousand; adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers and developing their knowledge of roman numerals. Year 5 will be recognising and comparing numbers to one million; adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4-digits and applying this knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving challenges.

In **English** pupils will be learning about 'Sensory poetry'. In this unit, we will be using our senses to increase our use of descriptive vocabulary to describe feelings and emotions. Building up to create a class poetry anthology. In Guided Reading, we will be focusing on the skills of inference and vocabulary through our class novel of 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

This half term Owls class will be taking part in '**Forest Schools**' on a Thursday with Mrs Lloyd as part of our outdoor curriculum. These sessions provide children with wonderful opportunities to learn, explore and grow in the great outdoors and develop a positive attitude towards risk and enjoy the many benefits of being outdoors.

Home Learning will consist of reading, maths and spelling activities. Pupils are expected to be reading at least 5 times a week at home, new weekly spellings will be given out and tested on Fridays and pupils will be tested the following Friday. Maths homework will be given and marked on Wednesdays, and we will continue to set some activities online using the platforms – Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars. If you have any queries, please do contact us.

Important Information

Please can pupils bring in their pencil cases, spelling books, reading books and reading diaries and water bottles each day. Forest School clothing is needed every Thursday and please can we ask for wellies to be sent into school and we can store these in our 'Wellie Wigwam'.

Thank you all for your continued support – If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lockwood Miss Tyler Miss Robson