



# The Owls' Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2014



Welcome to the Owls' Class Newsletter, you will receive one of these every term with dates to remember and information about the children's learning and how you can support your child at home. Check the back for important school dates and look out for the weekly school newsletter in your child's book bag or your inbox. Our school website also has information about school events.

We hope you had a lovely summer holidays. We are all refreshed and excited about the new year and term ahead and know it will be fun, fun, fun! Meet the Owls team, classteacher Stephanie Hammond, higher lever teaching assistant Andrea Coles, teaching assistants Teresa Branton and Elaine Hulks. Please feel free to speak to anyone of us about your child.



## What are we up to this term?

The first term in school is all about settling into the class routines. We encourage the children to explore the indoor and the outdoor classroom and to develop confidence and independence. We will support them to make new friends and develop positive relationships. The children will be given time to explore the whole school and to meet different members of staff.

Our theme for the term will be 'People who help us'. We have already arranged for a Dentist to visit school and hope to have lots more visitors popping in.

As the term progresses we will begin to think about the changing seasons and take a walk around the school grounds. This will lead to lots of autumnal activities. We have arranged to visit the Forest School at Brockhill for an autumnal workshop.

**Please send conkers in this term to help us with our learning.**

## Reading at school

We sent home a contact book home on Wednesday, with a picture book or an information book. Once your child is in full time we will send home two types of books. One of these is for you to read with your child. The other is a reading book that your child will 'have a go' at with your support. You will find that they may not have any words and this is deliberate as we want the children to use the pictures to tell the story and to comment on what they see. Books will be changed twice a week.

Please acknowledge that you have spent time reading with your child by dating and initialing in the contact book. Your child will receive a monster reader sticker if they read at least five times a week. If they do this for the whole term there is a 'special' prize.



What will we be learning?

**Phonics**- Phonics s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r,

**Maths**- Say and use number names, count reliably up to ten and beyond, recognise numbers, make and find patterns, use everyday words to describe position, solve maths problems practically.

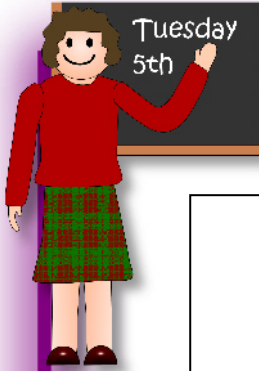
**English**- use imagination to recreate experiences, enjoy listening and taking part in stories and rhymes, recall the sequence of the story and describe characters.

Other areas of the curriculum will take place through English, Maths, during the sequence of the day and is supported through the learning environment.

Our role play areas this term will be a Doctors, a shop and a building site.

If you would like to know about the other areas of the curriculum then please





## Save the date



### STARTING SCHOOL

Monday 8th September start school Bell goes at 8.40.  
Children to come straight into class.  
Collection from the office gate at 12 midday.

Monday 15th September children in from 8.40 until 1pm.  
Children to come straight into class with adults. Children to stay for lunch. Packed lunch boxes to go on the Owls' trolley on the decking area. Children to self-register for example are they school dinner or packed lunch? Find their name and place in the correct place.

### MATHS WORKSHOP

Explore games and activities that we use in class to support mathematical thinking. It is a practical workshop which will give you information about what maths looks like in the Owls' Class.

Tuesday 16th Maths workshop 1-2pm

Wednesday 17th Maths workshop 1-2pm

Children will be released to parents and those parents taking part in a workshop will bring their children back into the Owls' classroom.

### CLASS PHOTO

Monday 26th September Faversham Times class photo.

### VISITOR

Thursday 9th October

Dentist visitor to talk to children about looking after their teeth.

### TRIP

Wednesday 22nd October

Brockhill Park, Saltwood

Autumn workshop (more information to follow).

