



Owls Class Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed spending lots of time in the sunshine. I would like to thank you all for attending the parent consultation meetings at the end of last term. It was fantastic to meet with you and to be able to express just how much the children continue to achieve each term. The children worked incredibly hard last term and thoroughly enjoyed learning about different foods and healthy eating. I am hoping that their hard work and enthusiasm will continue this term and I am looking forward to having some fun in the sunshine!

Donations

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who made donations last term towards our daily snack time. The children love being able to have the choice of different snacks. As you are also probably aware, a nicely satisfied appetite leads to more productive learning! We would therefore continue to be grateful for any donations this term including any dried fruit, biscuits, bread sticks and crackers.



Theme for Term Five

Our topic this term is 'The Deep Blue Sea'. Throughout the term the children will join us on several adventures. They will find out about the huge array of different creatures that live in the ocean, they will design and build their own boats and head towards Never Never Land to become pirates and mermaids! The children will have lots of fun writing and sending postcards and messages in bottles, experimenting with materials that float and sink and designing and making their own pirate costumes.



PE will continue once a week on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please could you just check that your child has the correct clothing; a school red t-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsolls and can you make sure all of your children's clothes are still named. If your child wears stud earrings please make sure that these are removed for PE lessons.



Adults in Reception

Ellie Frampton-Fell
Teresa Branton
Elaine Hulks
Andrea Coles

What will we be learning?

Maths- To recite numbers in order to 20 and beyond, recognise numerals to 20 and beyond, to add and subtract numbers and record a number sentence, to double numbers to 20, to learn how to read the time o'clock, to use everyday language to talk about money and capacity.

Literacy- To use sounds to write lists, posters, postcards and letters. To continue to use sounds to read simple and more complex words and to learn additional tricky words by sight.

Other areas of the curriculum will take place through literacy and maths and during the sequence of the day and is supported through the learning environment.



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Keep the date!

- **Tuesday 22nd April** — Beginning of term
- **Tuesday 29th May**— Royal National Lifeboat Institution Workshop
- **Monday 5th May**—Bank holiday
- **Tuesday 6th May**—Whole class photographs
- **Tuesday 20th May**—Dog's Trust Workshop
- **Thursday 22nd May**—Open Day (9am)
- **Friday 23rd May**—End of term

Any other dates or information can be found on the weekly school newsletter or on the Owls School Blog. Please go and visit the Owls website page and school blog on the school website for all of the latest information about the children's activities and recent school pictures.



Please Please Please.....

Next week the children are going to begin designing and making their own boats. Prior to designing their boat, I will be asking the children to test different materials to find out which materials will sink and which will float. They will then design their boat using appropriate materials, build it and adapt it where necessary. We will be encouraging each child to build a boat so please could you send in any junk modelling materials you may have at home for the children to use.

Active Learning

We use the outdoor area to support our learning everyday, rain or shine. However, we are hoping for more sun this term! We use the children's ideas when planning outside and this can change on a day to day basis. However, we will be changing the role play areas in the outdoor area into an Aquarium and a Beach Shop. We hope that this will encourage the children to begin to calculate using money. We will be also be encouraging lots of water play to enhance their understanding of capacity.



Home Learning

Phonic Books — Thank you for continuing to check your child's phonic understanding at home. I hope that you can see how brilliantly the children are now applying their phonic knowledge to both their reading and writing. I am very impressed and I hope that you are too!

High Frequency Word Books—The children will continue to have new words in their high frequency word books. I have noticed that through learning these common words by sight, the fluency of the children's reading and writing has significantly improved. I will continue to send home 5-10 words a week and will check these books during your child's guided reading session.

Homework Books — This term I will continue to focus on the children's letter formation using the school's cursive handwriting. The homework will therefore be a simple handwriting task each week just to reinforce the learning that is taking place in the classroom.