



Owls Class Newsletter

Welcome to you all as proud parents of Reception class children. We understand that this is a daunting time for the children, but equally for you as parents. During the first term, we hope to build a good relationship with all of you so that we can work together to make it an **outstanding** year for the children. We really value your support in all that we do, whether it is reinforcing the school or class rules, hearing your child read everyday or supporting them with their home learning.

Books

This week the children will receive a home contact book and they will take home their first picture story to share with you. Please encourage your child to look at the pictures and talk to you about what is happening in the story. Once your child is in full time we will send home different types of books. One of these is for you to read with your child. The other is a reading book that they will 'have a go' at with your support. Books will be changed twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday.

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



Theme for Term One

The first term in school is all about settling into the class routines. We will be introducing the children to a daily routine and encouraging them to explore the indoor and the outdoor classroom independently. We will provide lots of opportunities for the children to make new friendships and to build positive relationships with the adults in the classroom. The children will be given time to explore the whole school and to meet lots of different members of staff.



Within the classroom, we have built the Three Bears House for the children to engage in imaginative role play with their peers. We will be encouraging them to act out the story of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears and share their own experiences within their play situations. In the garden, there is also a supermarket and a building centre, which will provide the children with lots of writing and speaking opportunities.

As the term progresses we will begin to think about autumn as the season begins to change. We will take a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of autumn and design and make autumnal pictures. Children can bring in any autumnal items that they find to show their peers e.g. fir cones, conk-



Adults in Reception

Ellie Frampton-Fell
Teresa Branton
Elaine Hulks
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What will we be learning?

Maths- To recite numbers in order to 10 and beyond, recognise numerals to 10, use familiar objects and shapes to create patterns, recognise and name 2D 'flat' shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Literacy- To begin to write own name, recognise initial sounds in words, give meaning to marks as they draw, write or paint, recognise familiar words and logos, recognise that print is read from left to right and to look at books independently.

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!

- **Thursday 12th September** — Parent's OFSTED Meeting.
- **Monday 16th September** — Children in from 8.45 until 1pm. All children are to stay for lunch. Please note that the packed lunch boxes are to go on the Owls trolley on the decking area next to the hall.
- **Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th** — Parents are invited to join their children for lunch. Please see Ellie to sign up for a day.
- **Monday 23rd September** — Children in school from 8.45 until 3.15. Please collect the children from the rainbow gates where the children are dropped off in the morning. Parents are still encouraged to bring their children into the classroom in the morning.
- **Thursday 26th September** — Harvest Assembly
- **Friday 25th October** — Last day before the half term holiday.



Any other dates or information can be found on the weekly school newsletter or on the Owls School Blog.

Active Learning

Just a reminder that we are always active in the Owls class and we will be using the outdoor area everyday come rain or shine. As the weather sadly begins to change, it would be a good idea to send your child into school with a waterproof coat and some willies to put on when we venture outside.

We will also be changing for PE once a week. Therefore PE kits remain in school all term and go home the week before the holidays. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on all items of clothing including shoes and plimsolls. This will really help us, thank you.



Home Learning

Phonic Books — As the children begin to learn their letter sounds, each child will be sent home with a phonic book. This book informs the parents how to say each sound with the corresponding action.

Ollie the Owl — Ollie the Owl will be sent home with each child throughout the term. Ollie would like to spend some time with your child and have lots of fun playing with them at home.

My Little Star — We all know that your children are already little stars, but we would really like to know what they get up to at home. I will be sending home notes for you to record any exciting moments that happen at home (e.g. counting to 20 or beyond, recognising letter sounds, dressing themselves etc.), which you can then pin onto the board in the cloakroom at school for everyone else to see.