



# Owls Class Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 3! Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of our Christmas presents. We were very grateful and you are all extremely kind. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and we would also like to wish you a happy new year. The children have certainly enjoyed telling us all about their Christmas celebrations. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into their learning. They have started the new term full of energy and with a fantastic desire to learn! Well done Owls!

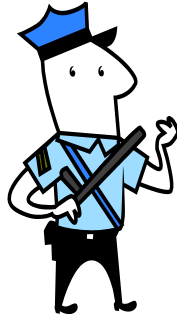
## Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to any parents who made donations last term towards our daily snack time. These donations not only give the children a choice of snack, but they have also allowed us to run a daily snack bar, where we have encouraged the children to use good manners when asking for the snack of their choice. We would continue to be grateful for any donations this term including any dried fruit, biscuits, bread sticks and crackers.



## Theme for Term Three

Our topic this term is 'Superheroes'. During the first half of the term we will be learning about fictional superheroes and completing important missions sent to us by Spiderman. We will have a Superheroes Headquarters in the classroom, where the children will be given plenty of opportunities to invent their own superhero character, including their costume, super power and vehicle.



In the second half of the term, we will be learning about real-life superheroes. In the outside area, we will create a Doctors Surgery and a Police Station. The children have been expressing their own ideas about what should be put into these role play areas and are very excited about getting outside and playing in them. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the extremely wet weather is now beginning to pass so that we can get outside again without getting drenched!

PE will continue once a week, but will now be on a **Thursday** afternoon. Just a gentle reminder that all of the children's clothes need to be named, as the Early Years curriculum requires that children are able to both undress and dress themselves independently. This is a big challenge for them, which can be made even more difficult when their clothing isn't adequately named. Also, a couple of white school tops went missing last term. Please would you mind just checking that they didn't come home in your child's PE bag.



## Adults in Reception

Ellie Frampton-Fell  
Teresa Branton  
Elaine Hulks  
Andrea Coles

## What will we be learning?

**Maths-** To recite numbers in order to 10 and beyond, recognise numerals to 10 and beyond, to add two single digit numbers, to double numbers to 10 and to recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes.

**Literacy-** To use sounds to write labels, captions and simple sentences. To continue to use sounds to read simple words and to learn additional tricky words by sight (we, me, be, was, my, you. they).

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!

- Monday 13th January — Cool Milk Interactive DVD for Reception and Yr 1.

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.



## Active Learning

Thank you to those parents who have sent in wellies for their children to use in the outdoor area and to those of you who have sent in gloves for the colder days. We will continue to use the outdoor area on a daily basis so appropriate clothing and footwear important to stop the children from getting too cold and wet.



## Home Learning

**Phonic Books** — We will continue to send home the phonic books for you to help support and further your children's learning at home. This term we will include the trickier digraphs (two letters making one sound). The children really enjoy learning new sounds and they are now beginning to use them successfully in their writing. Thank you for continuing to use these at home. The children really do benefit from all your additional support.

**Homework Books** — The children will receive a homework book this term. In the books will be a simple task for them to complete each week. The books will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school by Tuesday to allow the children to share their homework with their peers before receiving a new task.

**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 finally be sending home notes for you to record any exciting moments that happen at home (e.g. counting to 20 or beyond, sounding out and recognising words, dressing themselves etc.), which we can then pin onto the board in the cloakroom at school for everyone else to see.