



Owls' Class Newsletter

Term 2

Welcome back, we trust you had a fun and restful half term. We are ready for another term packed with exciting learning opportunities. Our theme this term is Winter Wonderland incorporating a little Magic towards the end of the term. We have already begun to look at the Polar Regions. Our learning this term is outlined in more detail over the page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the reception team.

Miss French, Mrs Branton and Mrs Wiffen

Coming Soon!

Owls won the competition to raise the most money in the Fruit Fun Run.

This means we have the lovely opportunity to enjoy an hour long play session at Faversham Play Gym as a reward.

The date is TBC. The children will play in the gym and then have a snack before returning to school.

Thank you for sponsoring your children so generously, it means they can have a free trip out of school and more importantly receive a free fruit snack each day.

A little reminder to please name children's uniform and PE kit. This enables us to return the items to their owner, particularly after a PE lesson. Thank you

Learning outside is a key part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum and we spend many of our sessions in our outdoor classroom. As the weather starts to become colder please hold this in your mind and ensure that your child is sent to school with a coat, a hat, scarf and gloves when necessary. Please ensure items are named- we have almost 60 gloves to keep track of!

We endeavour to use all areas of our outdoor classroom all year round. With that in mind, you may like to send your child with a pair of wellies which they can either take home each day or leave by their peg in the cloakroom. This will make it safer for them when using the grass as well as protecting their shiny black school shoes!



What will we be learning?

This term we will be looking at the Polar Regions through our Winter Wonderland theme. Therefore our topic sessions will be based on this theme. We will be learning about the weather in these regions. Where the North and South Pole are, including the names Arctic and Antarctic. We will then look at the animals which live in the North and South Pole. They will discuss how they are adapted to survive the harsh conditions. We will complete many activities related to these topics including making their own globe, making a list of wintery clothing, exploring and sorting which animals live where and labelling a Polar animal. Some of our topic time will be spent investigating ice and ways in which we can make it melt faster and why it melts and what happens when it does. We will also be completing some lovely art activities such as making snowflakes and wintery collages.

Phonics- We will recap the sounds we have learnt previously which are: s,a,t,p,l,d,m,n,d,g,o,c,k as well as learning new sounds. Children will be given the opportunity to begin segmenting and blending sounds in order to read words and short phrases. The sounds we will cover are listed below...

Ck, e, u, r, l, ll, s, h, b, f, ff

Maths- We will continue to share our directed time between 'Number' objectives and those taken from 'Shape, Space & Measure'. We will continue working on using number names in order and reliably recognising and forming numbers as well as beginning to learn about adding and combining two groups of objects. We will also revisit previous learning on shapes, naming them and discussing their properties.

English- We are cramming a lot into our directed English sessions this term focussing on Narrative (The Bear who went Boo, David Walliams), Information Texts (linked to Polar Animals) and rhyming/rhyme patterns through Christmas and Wintery books and poems. We will consistently be working on children's ability to make marks on a piece of paper and assign meanings to the marks they have made. We will progress to encouraging children to record sounds that they can hear in words, which will often only be the initial sound to start with.

Other areas of the curriculum will take place in a cross curricular way as well as through the opportunities for child initiated learning in our environment. Children have the chance to access both indoor and outdoor learning environments each day.

Save the Date!

Thursday 16th November- Parents Consultations 1:20-7pm

Date to be confirmed- Owls Play Gym Trip

Week beginning 27th November- Book Fair in school

Wednesday 6th December- Nativity 2pm

Thursday 7th December- Nativity 2pm

Friday 8th December- Christmas Fayre (after school)

Tuesday 12th December- Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th December- Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th December- Christmas Mix Up Day

Tuesday 19th December- Last day of term

