



Owls' Class Newsletter

Term 1

We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and that you are as excited to start the school year as we are! You will receive one of these letters every term and it will give you dates to remember as well as all of the important information about what we are doing in class. In addition to our class newsletter you should also check the weekly school newsletter which will appear in your child's book bag, or your inbox, each Thursday.

We cannot wait to get into the swing of things again and enjoy a term of fun packed learning opportunities.

Please feel free to speak to any of us at any point about your child's learning.

Miss French, Mrs Branton and Mrs Wiffen

The Everywhere Bear!

We want to make your child's transition to school as smooth as possible.

We read a book together called the Everywhere Bear and every child will get a chance to take him home for the weekend. They can then bring something in that they have done with the bear. This could be as simple as pebble from the beach, an autumn leaf from the park.

This will give the opportunity for your children to share with you something from school and support their learning through them sharing in some way their experience with the class. We will introduce a book for them to write later on in the year

Reading at school

We will soon be sending home a contact book 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 then be changed twice a week.

Please acknowledge that your child has had the opportunity to read by dating and initialing in the contact book.

PE

PE lessons will start once your child is in school full time. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Monday 18th September. The items of clothing and bag should be clearly labelled with your child's name and can be placed on their coat hook in the cloakroom.



What will we be learning?

Our theme this term is 'All About Me and People Who Help Us' we will get to know each other as well as discussing the things we like and dislike. We will learn about parts of our body and how we can move in different ways in our PE lessons. We will talk about families and special people to us as well as forming new friendships at school. We will get to know other adults in school, what their jobs involve and how they help us as well as learning about other people who help us in society such as Doctors and Firefighters. We have made a Doctors role play area to support this learning.

Phonics- Phonics s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r,
To recognise initial sounds, hear and say sounds

Maths- Say and use number names, count reliably up to ten and beyond, recognise numbers, recognise shapes in the environment, to name common shapes, talk about the properties of shapes and the differences between shapes.

English- To make meaningful marks, to write and recognise our names, to use imagination to recreate experiences, enjoy listening and taking part in stories and rhymes, recall the sequence of the story and describe characters using story maps.

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!

Week beginning 5th September- Children in school 8:40-12noon

Week beginning 11th September- Children in school 8:40-1pm

Week beginning 18th September- Children in school 8:40am-3:15pm

Friday 22nd September- Charity Fruit Run

Friday 29th September- Newspaper Photographer in class

Tuesday 3rd October- Individual Photographs

Thursday 5th October- Macmillan Coffee- 2:30pm

Thursday 19th October- Owl's Parents invited to watch the

Nursery Rhyme Challenge- 2:30pm

Thursday 19th October- Last day of term 1

