

Welcome to Year 4 – Owls



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a brilliant summer break. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and hope you will enjoy your time in year 4. We have a lot of amazing, interesting and fun things planned for you in the year ahead. The children have all settled in really well and are adapting brilliantly to our new routine.

PE

PE is taught on a Tuesday and a Friday. We will also have the occasional Dance and Drama session with Mrs Doll on Tuesdays. We will also be making full use of the running track to complete our Daily Mile and we will also have lots of opportunities to use the new outdoor gym equipment! Please ensure that all kit is properly labelled. It is important, now more than ever, to get outside as much as possible so please make sure the children have warm PE kit (i.e. joggers) so that they don't get cold!

Reading

Please sign and comment in your child's reading diary each time you read at home. It is important to continue sharing a book daily, regardless of their ability and level, as the children need to maintain the skills of reading aloud and discussing new and unfamiliar words. As well as this it is important to ask your children to predict, summarise and discuss elements of the story. Please see our class page for a recommended reading list.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be collected in on the following Tuesday. It will consist of maths, weekly spellings, and sometimes an extra piece which will change depending on learning within the classroom. If your child is struggling with any element of homework, please do let us know so that we can offer additional support within the classroom. Children should, at this age, be able to complete homework independently and we would encourage you to support this at home.

Times tables are incredibly important within all aspects of numeracy and are hugely beneficial in developing mental skills. Children are tested on their tables and this test includes both division and multiplication facts. Please do spend 5 minutes every day helping your child to learn these. Homework will also include a sheet of times table practise which can be marked at home.

Class Dojo

We will be using a Class Dojo reward system in Owl Class this year. The children each have their own Dojo character, and can earn points for various things i.e. sitting sensibly on the carpet, sharing good ideas, listening well etc. The children can earn prizes depending on their individual total, and all individual totals add up towards a class total. We are aiming for 500 class dojo points to earn our first class treat!

Our first topic will be The Romans.

If there is anything else you would like to know, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Miss Steyn, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Brooker