

Owl Class. SpringTerm



Welcome to 2024

Before I tell you about the term ahead I would like to thank you all for your kind Christmas wishes presents, cards. I would also like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

I am very excited about our topics for the Spring term and am looking forward to sharing with you the exciting experiences and activities that are planned for you to help you with your learning in Owl Class.

This term our main topic is "Rivers". We have lots of fun packed learning around the topic including building our own river, creating river-based art and writing river poetry. In Science you will be studying Changing States of Matter, and in music you will continue learning the Ukulele. More information about what we will be covering can be found in the Curriculum Overview.

Below is information that will be useful as you start a new term.

Reading

- Reading with your child should be as frequent as possible and Reading Records will continue to be checked and should be available in school every day along with your reading book. Remember even if you have read alone make a note of it although I would prefer it if you read to an adult so you can share the experience of what you are reading.

PE

- Our PE for this term includes Dance with Mrs Doll on Tuesdays and Hockey on Fridays. Please remember to have the appropriate, labelled kit, as detailed here, available on these days. **PE** bags should have trainers or plimsoles (please check they are not so big that your child can't run in them), PE top, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, socks (for girls for when they wear tights). If any children wear earrings, please make sure they know how to take them off and put them back on by themselves, or don't wear them that day.

Uniforms and Coats

- Please make sure your child brings a warm waterproof to school every day as we head into the Winter months. Like the PE kits, please make sure your child's uniform is labelled, especially fleeces.

Stationary

- Although we have supplies at school, it is handy to be well prepared! I recommend a **SMALL** pencil case which includes:
 - Writing Pencils
 - A Rubber
 - A Ruler
 - A Glue Stick (or multiple!!)
 - Coloured Pencils (no felt tips or pens please!)

Homework: Set on Wednesday for return the following Tuesday

- Homework will be made up of
 - Weekly spellings, - following the spelling rules we will be looking to throughout the term plus common exception words from the year 3 / 4 list. There is no requirement to return any spelling work unless specifically requested.
 - Reading aloud to an adult every day and noting it in your reading diary. You may be asked to complete a short task around the book you are reading eg, a sentence about a character, a short book review or a picture of a setting.
 - Times Table Rockstars practice (TTRockstars). We do TTRockstars as a method to prepare children for the national Year 4 Times Table Check which will take place in June next year. It is vital that timetable understanding (as well as recall) is fluent up to 12x12. If your child doesn't have a login, please get in touch.
 - Reading Comprehension tasks.

All homework will be set on Teams (although I will also provide paper copies) and where required completed homework should preferably be uploaded back onto teams.

A few reminders

- **Water bottles** should only contain water, no other sweet drinks such as fruit juice or squash.
- **Snacks** - I strongly recommend that children bring in a morning snack, which should be healthy; so fruits, cereals, etc... are welcome, but please no sweets, cakes or chocolates.

On a final note, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to me, using the email, or alternatively you can make an appointment via the office.

Kind regards

Mrs Barker

