

Owl Class.

Summer Term 1



Welcome to Summer Term 1

We have another fun filled term to look forward to with lots of exciting experiences and activities planned to help you with your learning in Owl Class. We also welcome Miss Smith to our class.

This term our main topic is WWII. We will be finding out about the causes of war, what life was like on the home front and for children in particular. We will be using the topic across both Topic and Literacy and linking our Science topic - Electricity - to our class book Letters from the Lighthouse which is set during WWII. In music you will continue learning the Ukulele and this we will also be learning some popular songs from the WWII period. More information about what we will be covering can be found in the Curriculum Overview.

Below is information that will be a useful reminder 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 Forest School will be on Fridays, both of which will be on Fridays. It is very important that you have your appropriate, labelled kit, as detailed here, available on these days. If you do not have your PE kit you will not be able to participate in the activity. Forest School kit will be advised separately.
 - PE bags should have trainers (preferable) 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 waterproof to school every day because, even as we head into the Summer months, the British weather has a habit of including rain when you least expect it! Like the PE kits, please make sure your child's uniform is labelled, especially fleeces.

Stationary – as we head into the WWII classroom large pencil cases will be sent home and each child will be provided with suitable equipment for lessons. However if you could please ensure your child has a glue stick of their own it would be much appreciated.

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 at 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 practice. We do TTRockstars as a method to prepare children for the national Year 4 Times Table Check which will take place in June but other Xtable practice is also helpful. Eg: Hit the Button and other on-line games or simple repetition recall.
 - 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..., but please no sweets, cakes or chocolates.

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

