

Owls Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

Our Rainforest Adventure has given us opportunities to learn about a wide range of things. We have learnt about the locations of the rainforests in the world, and their proximity to the equator. We have studied the countries of the world and their flags, and made our own topographical map with salt dough. We have studied the different layers of the rainforest, and the animal species which live within it. This has led to a variety of writing styles including non-chronological reports, first person narratives and poetry.

Next half term we will continue with our Rainforest Adventure, including making tribal masks and looking at living things, and recognising how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose a danger to living things.

Our weekly French and recorder lessons have been enjoyable, and we have been really pleased with how many children have decided to get their own recorder and practice at home. French and recorder will continue after half term.

In January we welcomed Miss Aktar to our teaching team. She is a trainee in her final year of teaching practice, so we are extremely lucky to have her in our classroom supporting and teaching alongside the class teachers.

Next half term will be another busy term as we begin our swimming lessons, the Faith Tour, and we also have the Easter concert to look forward to. As you will see on the next page, we are introducing the option of having your own pencil case for Owls class, so please do read through the guidelines.

Kind regards

Mrs Frame, Mrs Robbins, Miss Aktar, Mrs Hardyman & Mrs Smith



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After careful consideration of a number of factors, including financial implications for the school, as well as promoting independence for the children, we have decided to allow children in Owls (Years 3 & 4) to bring in their own pencil case and stationery items if they wish to. As a school we will continue to provide stationery to any children who are not able to, or choose not to bring in their own items.

We are keen to promote independence and organisational skills from a young age. We believe that by allowing children to bring in a pencil case, it will support them in becoming responsible for their equipment, to take pride in their belongings, and encourage enthusiasm and love for learning and studying. These are some suggested items for your child's pencil case:

- 1 or 2 HB pencils
- Rubber
- Sharpener which contains the shavings
- Ruler (15cm or folded 30cm)
- Glue stick
- Basic set of colouring pencils
- 1 or 2 highlighters
- 1 dry-erase whiteboard marker
- 1 purple biro

We ask that you do **not** send in felt tips, blue/black biro pens, or large fold out/pop-out style box which has a calculator. Children will not be allowed to swap items with friends. We would suggest that only sensible, inexpensive items are included in the pencil case. Any items which cause a distraction will be returned home.

Please ensure **everything is named**.

If you would like to discuss this, please ask Mrs Frame or Mrs Robbins.



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Important housekeeping notes to ensure our school day runs as smoothly as possible:

- Spellings tests take place on Monday mornings
- Times tables tests take place on Tuesday mornings
- Homework is sent home on Mondays and is due by the following Monday. Homework is **not** sent home over the holidays
- We have an allocated reading time most days, so please ensure your book and reading record are always in your bag. Please aim to read every evening for ten minutes, and sign the Reading Record. Three reads per week will earn the children Golden Time on Friday afternoon
- Children's Forest School and PE kits should be in school at all times, with appropriate clothing for all weather. Kits will be sent home to wash during the holidays
- Children need a water bottle in school every day, especially as we complete our daily mile every afternoon

Thank you for your cooperation with these things which really help your child to get the most out of school!



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Children will need the following items in a PE and Forest School bag at school at all times:

PE Kit

- ⇒ Trainers
- ⇒ Socks (additional to school socks as they can get wet during PE)
- ⇒ Shorts (navy or black)
- ⇒ T-shirt (navy Moggerhanger logo one or plain white)
- ⇒ Plain sweatshirt/hooded top (navy or black)
- ⇒ Plain jogging bottoms (navy or black)

Forest School Kit

- ⇒ Waterproof coat and trousers
- ⇒ Warm outer layer like a fleece or sweatshirt
- ⇒ Outdoor trousers or tracksuit bottoms (not jeans as they get too wet)
- ⇒ T-shirt
- Wellies
- Socks



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