



Owl's Reception Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. We have had a very busy first half term and we are all very proud of what the children have achieved so far and how well they have settled into the routines of reception. With the current climate as it is, we have worked hard to create a safe environment for the children to learn in. If you are at all concerned please speak to your child's class teacher or email the school office office@oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk.

With this in mind, and to adhere to social distancing requirements, we request that you only use the Paterson Road entrance to school to drop off and pick up your child. Please could you also follow the one- way systems in place once you are inside the school premises.

Please be aware that we will be encouraging the children to wash/sanitise their hands as soon as they come into school and at regular intervals during the day.

Please take your child's temperature every morning before school. **If they have a high temperature and/or a new persistent cough keep them at home and seek medical advice.** Do not send them back into school until their temperature is normal.

School day: The school day will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Please ensure you are punctual for dropping off and picking up - a lot of learning is lost if children are late. Lunch time will be from 11.30-12.30. All reception children are entitled to a free school dinner, so please fill out the half termly lunch menu and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Throughout the day the children will be taught English, Maths, Phonics, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design. When the children are not being taught directly, they will be allowed to choose their own learning either inside or outside. This is when they can make relationships and explore the environment. The adults will make observations of the children which will help inform planning and assessment.

Topic: Our topic for the second half of the Autumn term is suitably named Frozen. We will be basing lots of fun activities around this topic.





Helping your child at home: By now your child should have come home with a home learning book with an activity jigsaw inside the front cover. Please complete one activity per week and either write in the book or stick a photo in to be handed in on a Tuesday. Your child's teacher will mark this work. In addition, your child should have a home school record book (fish book) and a love of reading book. Please practice reading at home with your child and record when you have done this in the fish book. The children all read with their teacher at least once a week.

Please note that due to the cost of new books, should anyone lose a book there will be a £5 charge to replace it. Thank you for your support in advance.

Phonics: This is an important part of enabling the children to read and write and every child will be taught phonics on a daily basis. For ideas on how to support your child in Phonics, please ask your child's teacher as we have several websites and ideas for you to try. The children have now been assessed and grouped according to ability. Please continue to support your child at home.



PE: Please be aware that our PE lessons are on a Friday morning and it is important that the children come into school wearing their PE kit. This kit should include a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, and some plimsolls or trainers. Please ensure that **all** clothes are labelled with your child's name.

Self care: If your child has issues with toileting please provide nappies, wipes and a change of clothing in a named bag.

Clothes: A reminder to please put your child's name in their clothing.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, we are unable to provide drinks other than at snack time and lunch time.

Many thanks for your continued support,
The Owls Team.



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