



## Owls' Newsletter

Welcome all to Owls' class. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and made the most of all the sunshine. I am excited about taking Owls' on their learning journey this year and will be supported in class by Mrs Kirkham. If you have any questions or queries please speak to either myself (Mrs Atkinson) or Mrs Kirkham, in the morning, or after school.

Children will all receive Education City and Purple Mash log-ins over the next few weeks and more information regarding this will follow.



### PE SESSIONS

Owls' PE sessions will be every Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Children will need to bring 2 kits to school.

Indoor kit: White t-shirt, black/navy blue shorts, sport socks (optional) and black pumps.

Outdoor kit: Preferably plain black or navy blue long sleeved zip up top, black tracksuit/ jogging trousers & trainers (these may get muddy).

Children will need to have a PE kit in school for all sessions.

### LABELLING CLOTHES

All uniform and belongings need to be clearly labelled. This includes PE bags, PE kits, water bottles, tights, shoes etc. Please try to use full names rather than initials. It is essential that you regularly check that names haven't rubbed or washed out. This makes tracking down lost uniform so much easier and will save you money replacing belongings.

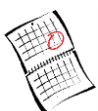
### TRIP DATES FOR 2016/2017

All Things Wild  
Evesham – Tuesday  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2017  
all day

Malvern Hills  
Geography Field Trip  
– Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
all day

Sea Life Centre  
Birmingham –  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May all  
day

Birmingham  
Botanical Gardens –  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
all day



### HOMEWORK

Reading – Your child needs to read every day; this could be reading independently from their phonics book or their reading book. It could also be a sharing book that is read to them or any other reading material you have at home, as long as they enjoy it! Comics, newspapers, online books are all great ways to encourage your child to read and listen to reading. Please make sure you record any reading in their reading diaries. Children will earn a Dojo point if they have recorded 3 reads in a week!

Common exception word spellings – Children will be tested on the Year 2 common exception words to read and spell. We will send home a highlighted sheet to show which ones the children need to practice.

Spelling Log Books - Children will have a spelling lesson every morning following the ReadWriteInc spelling programme. They will each receive a Spelling Log Book where they will record words that they need to practise. Please check the Spelling Log Book with your child and spend some time on the spellings they have been targeted. These spellings will be tested regularly and as part of their end of year assessments.

Learning logs – Children will use a double page spread to show what they know about .....a chosen theme. Children can do anything that shows off their learning, such as making, acting, writing, drawing and can capture and show it off in their logs.

Speedy Maths – Children will be learning maths facts and will need to recall these facts to support their maths learning. I will send home a speedy maths objectives sheet each half term and Education City games will be linked to this objective to support your child.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

Please send your child to school every day with a clearly labelled water bottle. These bottles should be filled with plain water. It is essential that children drink regularly all through the day. Due to health and hygiene any unlabelled bottles that are unclaimed will have to be disposed of.

## **DIARY DATES FOR OWLS**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Morning, join us for a hot drink and a cake – ALL CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6pm – Maths Parent Evening

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2pm – Harvest Festival TBC (St Mary's)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm –Topic Gallery – parents welcome

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – TED day (no pupils in school)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Children back to school

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 3:30 – 7:30pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3:30 – 5:30pm– Parents' Evening

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service - all welcome

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need, wear spots bring £1

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – All Things Wild Trip

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Launch bauble decoration competition

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9am – Wild Carnival - parents welcome

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – Christingle TBC (St Mary's)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Evening Christmas Performance

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Afternoon Christmas Performance

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm – Pantomime Trip

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term – Toy Day

The Christingle and Harvest services at the church have been provisionally booked. A message will be sent from the office to confirm these asap.

## **DISCOVERY TOPICS**

Discovery topics are a great way of linking lots of different curriculum subjects together in an engaging way. All topics are based around a high quality story and other stories are used to enhance the learning throughout. You can find a copy of the Year 2 Curriculum Map on the school website.

Trips will be planned to enhance the learning for topics and an end of topic show or show case will be prepared by the children to show off their new learning.

Autumn 1 – The Colour of Us

Children will be learning about the differences and similarities of people around them and in the wider world. The story 'The colour of us' will be the focal point of the topic. The topic covers skills in art, science, PSHE, geography and DT. At the end of the topic children will prepare a gallery to showcase all of their learning. This will be open for parents on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm.

Autumn 2 – Go Wild

This is a science based theme all about animals. In science we will focus on different animal habitats, food chains and life cycles.

A trip to All Things Wild in Evesham will support the children's learning in this topic.

The trip is booked for

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

We will also explore animal patterns in art and explore famous historical people like Charles Darwin and more current nature enthusiasts like David Attenborough. At the end of the topic children will hold their own Wild Carnival. This will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9am.

## **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Throughout the week we may use any of the outdoor areas to enhance our learning. This means that it is important the children have wellies to wear. Please check the blue wellie box to see if your child has a labelled pair of wellies that fit them. Please take any spare wellies home or they may be thrown away.