

Owl Class Newsletter 2023-24



Class Teachers: Mrs Alison Shears (Monday – Thursday)

Mrs Emma Asfew (Friday)

Teaching Assistants/ HLTA: Mrs Vicki Jones

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a lovely and relaxing summer break with your children and hopefully took advantage of some good weather! I am sure that you are looking forward to the year ahead with excitement and anticipation as we are and the chance to get back some sense of normality! There are so many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to. Year 6 is a very special year. The children work incredibly hard but are given many exciting opportunities and responsibilities. Keep an eye on our class webpage and photo gallery to see all the exciting things we have been up to.

This letter is intended to provide guidance on how you can help your child make the most of their time in Owl Class, as well as to give you an idea of what is expected of them.

The long term planning, showcases all the wonderful topics we are studying this year, kicking off with our amazing WW2 topic. We will also be spending some time this term revisiting online safety during our computing lessons. The knowledge organisers highlight the information the children will be expected to know by the end of each topic. Talk to your children about this information and find out what they have been learning in class each week. As above, keep an eye on our class webpage to to witness all the wonderful learning taking place. It's going to be a fun-filled, jam packed and exciting year in Owl Class

Below are some notes to help your child.

- PE will be on **TUESDAY and THURSDAY**. Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on these days.
- Your child will need their reading books and reading records in school EVERY DAY. Please hear your child read at least 3 times a week for 10-15 minutes and sign their reading record. Please ask them to record a short or more detailed comment in their record books. Reading Records will be checked each week. Any child who has read at least three times a week, every week will receive an 'I'm Flying High' award at the end of the term

- Your child will be given homework which will be sent home each Thursday. This will begin after the October half term. Each week your child will receive a piece of English or maths. After Christmas this will likely increase to English AND maths each week. In the other KS2 classes, weekly homework is no longer set however in Year 6 we feel it is beneficial to continue with weekly homework to support your children in the run up to SATs and also to prepare them for their lives at secondary school. Homework should be completed and returned on Monday morning. Please feel free to make comments on how your child has got on with their homework. It is completely up to you and your children when the homework is done but we recommend having a look at it on the Thursday night after it has been set. This way, if there is anything the children don't understand, they have a chance to clarify with Mrs. Jones on the Friday morning. As in previous years, there will also be an optional homework grid for each term.
- Spellings will be set for your child to learn on a weekly basis. These will be set and tested on a Friday. As well as these spellings, the children will be given the Year5/6 words at the beginning of the term and will be tested termly. We will be focusing on these words in class as there are 102 of them to learn! Please help your child to practise their spellings a number of times during the week. With the Year 5/6 words, we recommend focusing on 4 or 5 a week as they can be quite overwhelming.
- Continue to practise times tables using TTRS.
- PPA will be every Thursday afternoon and will be covered by Mrs Jones. She will be teaching PSHE, arithmetic and a mixture of SPaG and reading activities. Mrs Jones is a highly skilled HLTA, who has many years experience in year 6. She has taught the PSHE and arithmetic in Owl class for a number of years and the children look forward to their Thursday afternoons with her

If any of you would like to offer your help in class (and have a DBS) please see myself, Mrs Asfew or Mrs Jones to arrange convenient times. You really are most welcome.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support over the coming year.

Mrs Shears, Mrs Asfaw and Mrs Jones

(Owl Class Staff)

