

Owl Class Timetable						
	Storytime					
	4th lesson 14:00- 15:00	Computing + Library	RE	Art/DT	PE	PSHE
	3rd lesson 13:10- 14:00	PE	Science	English	History / Geography	French
	Lunch 12:00 – 13:00					
	2nd lesson 11:00 - 12:00	English	English	Music	English	Maths
	Break 10:45- 11:00					
	Phonics 10:15 - 10:45					
	Assembly 10 - 10:15					
	1st Lesson 09:00 -10:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	English
	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						

Owl Class Year 3 & 4



Autumn 2023

Newsletter
for
Children
and
Parents



Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Owl Class. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer holiday and we're excited to begin the new school year. Mr Kingham will be teaching in Owl Class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Adams will teach on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Griffin is our class teaching assistant and some children will also work with Miss Ghailan for extra support.

Daily Routines: Owl class children will meet their teacher on the playground at 08:45 am and will be taken to class. At the end of the day, children will be released from the playground at 3:15pm, once they have let the teacher know that they can see their parent/guardian.

Reading Books: Children should have their reading book in school every day. The school strongly encourages families to read on a daily basis to support progress. When you do, please write a short note and the next page number in the reading record book. All children will read with an adult during guided reading and also on an individual basis at least once a week. Some may receive additional support to address their areas of difficulty. Children will also have the opportunity to choose books from the library each week.

PE: We have two PE lessons a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named and that your child's kit contains a black or navy tracksuit for outdoor PE. Many children prefer to leave it in school for the half term. If girls cannot take their own earrings out for PE then you must have tape in their PE bags for them. Help your children to be organised and prepare them for middle school by always ensuring their kit is in school.

Homework: Each week your child will bring home spelling words to learn. They will be tested every Friday and a new set of words will be sent out on the same day. Your child will have a piece of English and Maths homework on alternate weeks, given on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Children should produce the same high standards of work with their homework as they would in class, presenting work neatly and trying their best.

Water Bottles: Children should drink throughout the day, therefore please send a named water bottle into school each day so that your child can have water in the classroom during lessons. The water bottle will be sent home at the end of the day to be washed, re-filled with water and returned to school the following day.

Snack: Please be reminded that children may bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables for their snack. Please avoid the dried, coated packets of fruit.

Packed Lunch: As a school we have a managing allergies policy, so please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any traces of nuts eg: Nutella.

Medical: If your child suffers a minor bump to the head, they will come home with a wristband as well as the usual slip to make you aware. Please ensure the school office is made aware of any allergies or medical requirements your child has as soon as possible.

School Newsletter: Emailed every Friday. Please note important dates.

Uniform: As we start a new term, we would like to remind parents that all children should be wearing the correct uniform to school. Smart trousers must be worn by boys and girls may wear a grey pinafore skirt or dark trousers. Smart school shoes must be worn by all children. Detailed information about uniform can be found on our school website. On hot sunny days, please ensure your child comes to school with waterproof sun cream already applied.

Topic Information for Parents

English —

Recount. Using the text Coming to England by Floella Benjamin to develop a variety of written and reading skills, leading up to a letter and recount.

Fiction. Studying Winter's Child by Graham Baker-Smith, a range of skills are developed leading to the children writing a fantasy story based on a fable.

Poetry. Analysing a range of poems including The Shell by John Foster and understand arrange of different poetic features. Use these to write a senses poem about the sea.

Maths: Place value, written and mental addition and subtraction, mental multiplication and division using times tables, doubles and half a number. Rounding to 10, 100 and 1000. Problem solving challenges and open ended tasks across all these areas of Maths.

Science: Autumn 1: Light - exploring natural and created light. **Autumn 2:** Electricity - exploring how electricity is generated and how it travels. Sustainable electricity for the future.

Geography: The UK: Learn about the physical and human aspects of our country and study how the UK and it's population has changed over time.

History: World War Two: Looking at the key events of the second World War and the impact it had on children.

RE: Autumn 1: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

Autumn 2: What are the deeper meanings of religious festivals?

Art: European Art - Learning about different European artists and their influences.

DT: Battery operated lights—Combine our Science topic with making a practical application.

PSHE: Autumn 1: Think Positive **Autumn 2:** Diverse Britain

French: Oral introductions, greetings, following instructions and basic daily conversational language. French language phonemes.

Music: Inspiring Music Sing Up Play Out: Singing

Computing: Coding, Internet and Online Safety.

PE: Premier Sport: Autumn 1: Tag Rugby **Autumn 2:** Handball

Class PE: Autumn 1: Netball **Autumn 2:** Outdoor Adventurous Activities

Owl Class Year 3+4 events this term:

Friday 8th September: Bikeability

Thursday 14th September 9:00am: Owl Class meeting in school hall.

Monday 30th October: Owls Charity week

Wednesday 8th November—8am-10:30am—Parent consultation meetings

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Please note that whole school/key stage events will be published with the school newsletter.

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

September: Respect **October:** Responsibility

November: Independence **December:** Patience

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school so please send a note/email in letting us know and we will celebrate their behaviour in school.