

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

Owl Class Year 3&4



Spring 2024

Newsletter
for
Children
and
Parents



Class Routines and Information

All the staff here at Sundon Lower wish you a Happy New Year as the children return, energised and enthused, ready to begin the spring term. Detailed below are some reminders and relevant information regarding your child's class this term.

Staff: Mr Kingham will be teaching in Owl Class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Roberts will teach on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Roberts will be supporting the class throughout the week.

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 Fridays. 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 homework each week, 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 or a grey pinafore skirt should be worn. Smart school shoes must be worn by all children. Detailed information about uniform can be found on our school website.

Topic Information for Parents

English : We will be using the text Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura to develop a variety of written and reading skills, leading up to writing a historical narrative. We will learn how to write from the viewpoint of another character.

Maths: Consolidate our learning on 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. Learn how to calculate fractions of shapes and whole numbers. Understand what area and perimeter is and how to calculate it. Problem solving challenges and open ended tasks across all these areas of Maths.

Science: Autumn 1: Rocks and Fossils. We will learn different ways rocks and soils are formed.

Autumn 2: Animals including Humans. This topic will cover different processes in the human body as well as food chains for different animals.

Geography: What's it like in Whitby? Comparing and contrasting Whitby in Yorkshire with Upper Sundon in Bedfordshire.

History: Anglo Saxons. We will learn about various aspects of Anglo Saxon life including family, food and the justice system.

RE: Autumn 1: How is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions?

Autumn 2: For Christians, what was the impact of Pentecost?

Art: Insects— how to use pencil, colour, mosaic design, puppet making and sculpture to create quality artwork . We will also study famous artists who are known for their artwork based in insects.

DT: The Great Bread Bake Off— We will gain an insight into the history of bread production, then investigate and evaluate existing bread products. We will use a range of skills and techniques using simple kitchen tools and measuring equipment, to learn how to knead dough correctly and the technique of proving bread.

PSHE: Autumn 1: Digital Wellbeing **Autumn 2:** One World

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

Year 3&4 events this term:

Tuesday 30th January—Football Freestyle Workshops

Monday 4th March—Athlete in School workshop

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 5th March—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—6.00pm

Wednesday 6th March—Parent Consultations—8.10am—10.30am

Wednesday 13th— Friday 15th March: Year 4 residential trip

Please note that other whole school events will be published with the school newsletter.

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

January— Appreciation February— Honesty March— Courage

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.