

# Owl Class

September 2021

Welcome back to school and to your new class! I hope you all had a good summer holiday and are enjoying the sunshine now!

I am so sorry not to be with your children for this first week but I am checking in daily with Mrs Seccatore and Mrs Harris to find out how everyone is. It is good to hear how calm and settled the children are.

All being well, I will be back on Monday. Ruby is slowly getting better, thank you to everyone who has asked after her and sent their best wishes.

Our learning this term will be mainly about: OWLS

## Literacy—Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our literacy through the class project of Owls.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be reading and retelling stories linked to Owls. Our Talk 4 Writing text will be Owl Babies. We will read, learn and map the story and the children will then make their own versions. We will also be reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'.
- Sequencing. We will be sequencing stories and the life cycle of an owl.
- Writing stories. We will be looking at 'Owl Babies.' We will use actions and pictures to help us learn the text before we write and change the story.
- Information texts. We will collect information and make fact cards about owls. As an extension for the Year 3 children, we will research Barn Owls and write reports.



## Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about owls. Our focus will be science and art but our learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Looking at owl habitats
- Locating woodlands and finding out what they are like
- Learning about different kinds of owls and their life cycles and behaviour
- Making models of owls
- Creating woodland collages
- Learning about animals that are nocturnal and what this means
- Making pictures and collages of owls

In RE, we will be learning about what rules are and looking carefully at our school rules.



### English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 3, 4 and 5 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

### SPELLINGS

Over the next couple of weeks, your child will bring home spellings each Friday. They will be in a yellow spelling book so please check their bookbags and work on these over the week.

We will 'test' them on the following Friday. This is done in an informal way during a normal Sounds Write session.

### WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child has a *named* water bottle in school every day.

The children often have their bottles with them as they work so please could the bottle have a sports lid to avoid spillages!

Remember, water only, no squash or flavoured water please.

### SeeSaw

We will soon be 'archiving' last year's SeeSaw pages so if there are any photos you want to download and save please do that as soon as possible.

We will set up a new SeeSaw group for Owl Class. Codes will be sent home so that you can join the group.

When we share work and photos from school, the children love to hear your comments so please continue to do this.



### Mathematics

This term, in mathematics sessions we will be revisiting the four different calculations.

We will also be learning :

- To read and write 2 and 3 digit numbers
- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add and subtract
- About 2D and 3D shapes

### Year 3



The Year 3 children will be consolidating last term's work on the different calculation methods. They will also begin 'Mathmagician' with the other Year 3 children. More information to follow...

### Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at life cycles and habitats.

We will be learning:

- About the life cycle of an owl
- Animal and plant habitats
- Food chains
- Seasonal changes



### Year 3

On Friday mornings, the Year 3 children will have a science lesson with Mrs Paylor Sutton and the Year 3/4 class.

### Diary Dates

- 13.9.21- Year R children start
- 27.9.21- Meet the Teacher (details to follow)
- 7.10.21- Bags 2 School collection
- 13.10.21—Flu vaccinations
- 21.10.21- School photographs
- 22.10.21- Last day of Term 1
- 1.11.21- First day of Term 2

