

# Owl Class

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a successful week we've had in Owl class this week. Throughout the week, we've built on some of the excellent foundations we set last week and have continued to settle brilliantly into the routines of school.

This week's primary focus has been maths and settling down to work quickly with focus. The children have been recapping all the maths we've covered so far in Year 5 and have been working hard across a variety of topics. This has led to some excellent moments of realisation: 'we can use something we already know to help us to solve something new!' said one child, 'I couldn't do it at first, but I tried really hard to remember,' said another. This kind of realisation is really powerful; by getting the knowledge we have 'out of our brains', using it and applying it to new and unfamiliar learning has myriad benefits for children as learners. It helps them to recall information, thereby solidifying it in their long-term memory, it helps the children make links between different concepts, and the challenge that this presents the children helps them to improve as learners overall.

These moments have come at a time when we are in our second week back at school and therefore the excitement of being back may have started to wear off for some. They've also come during a time of upheaval (Covid) as well as other distractions outside of school. The fact we've maintained our fantastic start and had such progress over the week is a credit to the children and the hard work they have put in!

Here's a picture of the children having a wonderful time in Sportszone and being generally wonderful!



Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Charlton and Mrs Searle.