

# Year 5 – Owl Class

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**We hope that you and your family had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the new school term. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and working together with you to ensure that the children are happy and succeed in their learning.**

**This newsletter aims to inform you of the learning and routines of Owl Class so that you are able to help your child settle into Year 5. If you have any questions, please do feel free to come and ask!**

### Independent Reading



It is vital that children continue to develop their reading skills this year and we ask children to read at home for at least 15 minutes each day. Children may read books of their choice from home, school or the library. All children have been issued with a new reading record which should be brought to school each day.

Reading records should be kept up to date by the children and we ask that parents sign the reading record each week to confirm that their child has completed their daily independent reading. We will check reading records each week and provide opportunities for pupils who have not completed their reading at home to do so during lunchtime.

### Home Learning

Children will be set home learning tasks every Thursday. They will bring home the task instruction sheet along with their home learning books and have until the following Monday to complete the tasks and return their book to school. We ask parents to sign underneath their child's work each week to confirm that the work was completed independently. If you wish to make any comment in the book, please feel free to do so. Children who have not completed homework will be asked to do so in Homework Club on Monday lunchtime.

In addition to the weekly home learning task, children will be given spellings. More information can be found inside your child's spelling book.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle to keep in the classroom in addition to their lunchtime drink.



### Fruit

Please provide a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for break time as school does not provide this to pupils in Key Stage 2.



### P.E.

The class will have P.E. on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Children are expected to have full P.E. kit in order to participate. Earrings should be removed.

## **Autumn Term Learning**

Our topic themes for this term are:

### **Anglo-Saxons**

- Literacy: Beowulf (Historical Story) Instructions (linked to Design Technology)
- Science: Materials and their properties
- History: Anglo-Saxons and their lives
- Music: Classical music
- D.T.: Designing bags
- R.E.: How did Jesus' teachings challenge people?
- PSHE: New beginnings  
Say no to bullying

### **Settlements**

- Literacy: The Tin Forest (Helen Ward) The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes Persuasion linked to Human Geography
- Geography: Human Geography Settlements, places and people
- Art: Significant modern artists
- Music: Christmas Performance
- R.E.: Why is light an important sign at Christmas?
- PSHE: Getting on and falling out  
Say no to bullying

### **Our Maths work this term will be covering:**

- Number and Place Value
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Measurement
- Statistics

Children will also have a 30 minute Spanish lesson each week, taught by a specialist Spanish teacher.

### **Trips and Visits**

We are in the process of organising trips for the Autumn Term to support our curriculum learning. Further information will follow in due course.

## **Parent Helpers**

We welcome offers of help from parents who are willing to hear children read, test times tables, prepare resources and suchlike. If you are interested, please come and discuss your availability with us.

### **School Uniform**

We are delighted to see how smart the children look in their school uniform. Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

**We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. Please do come and ask if you have any questions about your child and their learning at school. I always try to be around in the playground at the end of each day to have a quick chat. For a longer discussion, you are always welcome to contact us to make an appointment either directly with myself or by phoning the school office. Thank you for your continued support.**

**All of the Year 5 team**