

# Owl Class Newsletter

## September 2018



### Owl Class

Welcome to Owl Class. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and fun with your children. We have had a super start to the term with children learning the routines of the class, making new friends and listening to stories.

Please use the home/school link book to liaise with the staff and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible. We will send home a weekly overview, so you can talk to your children about what they are doing that week. Also, please use the yellow reading record books. If your child enjoys reading other books at home, please write these in the record book so we can see that they have read.

Please could you ensure your child's name is in their clothing especially their blue jumpers, thank you!

### PE

Owl Class has PE sessions on Friday this half term. In addition, we have a short session on a Tuesday that will incorporate sensory activities for the children. Please ensure your child has a PE kit with their name in.

### Important dates



Please check your child's home/school link book for further dates.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - INSET day**

### Owl Class staff

Steve Ashton, Portia Newton, Cathy Pitney, Emma Hortop, Jade Johnson, Chantelle Harries (PPA cover)



### Owl Class Topics

Key Stage One's topic for this half term is 'Where I live'. We will be looking at our homes, different types of buildings in our local community and walking in the community to take photos of these buildings.

In English, we will be looking at recounts. We will be joining in with stories, ordering and sequencing pictures and retelling parts of the story using puppets and props. We will practice reading our key words and phonics sounds.

In Mathematics, we will be developing our data handling skills, creating simple block graphs. We will also be working on our number skills by recognising numerals, counting and adding.

Owls will use laptops on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We will use these to develop IT skills including completing Maths and English activities. We use the 'Letters and Sounds' phase 2 website to play phonics games,

Owl class use a lot of sensory trays and equipment to support learning and the sensory needs of our children. We will make every effort to make sure your child has an apron on, but please be aware that they may come home in spare clothes and we will try to wash and dry their school clothes.

To continue these topics with your child at home, here are some ideas that you could use to help:

- Read familiar stories and encourage your child to talk about what happened or point to characters. Three little pigs and goldilocks are our key stories.
- Talk about buildings in your local community, count windows on buildings and name buildings in your street / town.
- Practice mixing ingredients and materials together - to support our learning in cooking.