

Owls Class Newsletter- Term 6

Hello and welcome back to the last and hopefully sunny term of the year.

This academic year has flown by, where has that time gone? We are all immensely proud of the progress all children have made this year and we plan on making the most of our last term together. We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank you for all of your support this year, your hard work at home has contributed towards the progress children have made.

Please come and speak to one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Foxall, Miss Holness, Mrs Wiffen & Mrs Clinch

As we get ready for Year One, we would like the children to develop their independence by:

- Carrying their own book bag into school each morning
- Picking up and taking home their water bottle each day
- Using a knife and fork to cut up their school dinner or opening packets in their lunchbox without help

We are hoping that the sunnier weather is here to stay! With that in mind, please make sure that your child has a sun hat and water bottle in school at all times.

To ease the likelihood of hats and bottled being lost, please make sure that they are clearly named.

Please don't forget that sun glasses can only be worn for specific medical purposes.

Children should come to school with sun cream applied and if it needs reapplying during the day they should bring it in a named bottle in their book bag. Please note that children are required to apply their own sun cream with the supervision of an adult.

It may also be a good opportunity to check that cardigans and jumpers are clearly named as these tend to go walkabouts once children start taking them off more regularly!

Why not share some of these activities with your child:

Topic

- Research the Penny Farthing, find out what it was and what people used it for.
- Design your own vehicle, would you like a car that flies or perhaps a bike that you can ride in water? Be as imaginative as you can be.

Literacy

- Write a postcard to a friend, tell them about something you have done or somewhere you have been.
- Play Help a Hedgehog on <http://www.ictgames.co.uk/> see how many words you can read before the time runs out!

Maths

- Complete some coin rubbings to form your pirate treasure.
- Can you count to 20 or even higher? How many numbers can you write down?

Later this term, children will have the opportunity to meet their Year 1 teacher and will spend a morning in Year 1 in preparation for September.

What are we learning this term?

*Transport- Our theme for most of the term will be Transport and we will be completing many activities linked to this theme. We will start by thinking about the ways in which we have travelled and the modes of transport we have used before. We will also find out about transport in the past and ways in which transport and travelling has changed since then. We will then start to think about our own designs for ideal vehicles, I'd like a car that lifts over traffic!

*Pirates- For the last two weeks of the term we will do a mini topic linked to pirates. We will be completing literacy, maths and topic activities linked to this theme. Many of our topic activities will be creative, such as making our own parrots, designing our own treasure island and making our own pirate flags.

In addition to topic sessions, we will also have regular Phonics, Literacy and Maths sessions. Our learning in these areas is outlined below.

*Phonics- A list of the sounds which children have been taught so far this year is included below. In phonics lessons we will continue to recap these sounds, asking children to apply them in order to read and write phonetically regular words.

Phase 2- s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,ff,l,ll,ss

Phase 3- j,v,w,x,y,z,zz,qu,ch,sh,th,ng,ai,ee,igh,oa,oo,ar,or,ur,ow,oi,ear,air,ure,er

We will spend our phonics sessions revisiting, using and applying all the sounds that we know in more complex words and in sentences. We will also continue to learn high frequency words, which children need to be able to recognise and read from memory.

The Tricky Words which children should know are:

to, no, go, I, the, into, he, she, be, we, me, was, you, they, all, are, my, her

*Literacy- We will be completing different writing activities linked to Transport. We will begin the term by focussing on the magic carpet scene from Aladdin, we will use this in order to inspire us to write our own magic carpet story. We will then be completing various writing tasks linked to a story about a badly behaved bus. We will be writing a set of rules for the naughty bus as well as producing a wanted poster to help track down the naughty bus! Linked to our mini topic, Pirates, we will be planning and writing our own pirate stories. We will be finishing the term by looking at the conventions of poetry and writing our own simple poem.

*Maths- We will be completing activities with numbers up to and beyond 20. We will work on recalling number facts from memory such as pairs of numbers which add up to 5 and 10 and doubles. We will work on some reasoning and problem solving skills. We will also do some work about money, sharing amounts equally and odd and even numbers.

Diary Dates

4th July – Transition Morning

5th July – Summer Fair

17th July – Sport's Day

23rd July – Last Day of Term 6

2nd September – Staff Development Day

3rd September – First Day of Term 1, Year 1