



Owl Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Owl Class!

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer break and are looking forward to lots of learning and fun to start off the academic year.

Owl Class is part of **Pathway 3** in school, **Mrs Cook** is our class teacher in and **Mrs Braiden** and **Mrs Butler** are our Teaching Assistants.

On **Friday 29th September**, we will be holding our annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** in school. During this time, there will be an opportunity for you to come to your child's class and meet the staff and also see our learning environment.

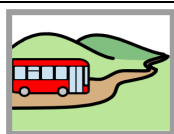
We hope you can make it.



Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. On Thursdays we will be working our throwing and catching skills along with doing some physical exercise. Our Friday sessions will be led by a coach and we will be learning and developing some cricket skills. Please make sure your child has their PE kit to keep in school and is clearly labelled.



Over the Autumn Term we will be developing our 'Life Skills' during our weekly focused sessions. In the first half term we will be focusing on 'Keeping Safe'. In the second half term we will be developing our knowledge and skills linked to 'Personal Hygiene' and knowing why this is important in our everyday lives.



We hope to plan some visits over the term, including a Christmas treat. Please look out for more information regarding these later on in the term.



Your child will bring home a reading book everyday. Please spend time sharing this and reading together. Doing this will support your child's development and also enhance their speech and communication skills. **Please ensure that books are sent back into school everyday.**

Also try to promote reading for pleasure with your child by sharing books, comics and magazines etc. It may also be nice to visit to local library together to choose books to read and share.





Our topic this half term is **Changes over Time**

Through our topic, we will be learning about and exploring seasonal changes, weather types, climates, continents and also some key historical figures such as Christopher Columbus and Captain Cook.

We will be reading and exploring various stories and texts together that link to our themes. Some of these will include, Elmer's Weather, Don't Hog the Hedge, Skip through the Seasons, Abracadabra it's Spring, One Snowy Night, Squirrel's busy Year and The Snowman. If you would like the full list of texts we will be using please let us know and we will share this with you to support in sharing these at home. Through our English sessions, we will also complete lots of activities that support and develop our language and communication skills over the term, and will work on our writing, spelling, and fine motor skills. Owl Class will also have daily phonics sessions to support and develop our reading skills.

In Maths, we will be working on our number and place value skills weekly and will explore shape, size, capacity, mass, position and direction, pattern, time, money and symmetry over the term. We will also complete focused learning tasks to develop our using and applying skills that will promote our life long skills linked to maths.

In Science we will be again exploring seasonal changes and the weather. From this we will also cover learning linked to light and dark, temperature, colour and plants. We will explore working scientifically through experimenting and investigating themes and objects.

Learning through our topic will also involve creating pieces of artwork, exploring and using technology and also outdoor exploration linked to the weather and seasons.

Our Jigsaw themes for this half term are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

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Please use the home/school book to inform us of any important information. Please call the school office if you any need any support. 01384 818265

Thankyou for your ongoing support.

