 Welcome to the Autumn Term in Owl Class!

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic Summer. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year. Feel free to catch me afterschool any time if you have any questions.

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| Topic  Our topic this term is ‘Battle of Britain’. A medium term plan showing what will be covered in each subject is attached. You can also find copies of this on the school website. | |
| Reading  We will be teaching your children reading skills in a variety of ways in school, including through individual reading and whole class reading sessions as well as comprehension activities and reading for different purposes. These are vital skills for children to develop and we really appreciate you continuing to hear your children read regularly at home. If your child is a fluent reader, you could spend this time discussing the book they have read with them.  When The <strong>Lightbulb</strong> FlickersReading Question Ideas for Upper Key Stage Two Fluent Readers   * How does this book compare to the last book you read? * What impact does the language have on the reader? * Why did the character do/ say that? How do you know? * What do we know about this character/ event? * How has the book been organised/ structured? * What does this word mean? How could we find out?   Reading Display  In class, we now have a reading display showing a track and the children have all designed their own cars for this to move along the track based on the number of pages they have read. Please make sure you have initialled/ signed your children’s reading logs when they have read at home to help them add these pages to their count! | |
| Homework  Suggested home learning tasks for this term are on the home learning sheet. The children will be receiving a booklet of spellings with six weeks’ worth of spellings in. Please support your children to practice these regularly at home. These will be checked in school weekly. | Water Bottles  Please ensure your children **have a labelled water bottle in school with them everyday** so they can drink regularly during their day to ensure they are well hydrated and therefore able to focus on their learning! |
| PE  The children will usually be having PE on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, however they may have additional sessions from time to time with coaches or for specific events so please ensure they have a full PE kit in school every day. The children may be doing indoor and outdoor PE this term, so will require shorts, T-Shirt, jogging bottoms and jumper as well as trainers. Please also ensure that all of your children’s school clothes are clearly labelled so any lost property can get back to the right places. The children are very fortunate to continue to be have PE supported by specialist coaches. | |
| Mobile Phones  If your child walks themselves to or from school and you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.  **The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day and these must be taken to the school office at the start of the school day.** | Walking and Going Home  If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please ensure that you have completed the permission letter from the school office. If anyone who is not a parent/ carer will be collecting your child from school please inform either myself or the school office. |
| Some Dates for the Diary  *Remember to regularly check your children’s book bags and the school newsletter for further information about events and important updates.*   * Friday 7th September ~ children return to school * Tuesday 18th September am ~ Year 6 Thurston sports trip * Tuesday 18th September pm ~ Modern slavery workshop * Thursday 20th September pm ~ Childline workshop * Wednesday 26th September ~ (3.30pm) Kingswood parents’ session * Friday 28th September ~ Macmillan coffee afternoon * Wednesday 3rd October – Friday 5th October ~ Kingswood * Monday 15th October ~ 2.45pm ~ Reading/ writing parent session * Thursday 18th October ~ Harvest Festival * Friday 19th October ~ PD Day * Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October ~ Half Term * Monday 29th October and Tuesday 30th October ~ Parents’ Evening * Tuesday 6th November ~ school photos * Thursday 29th November ~ 9am~ Owls’ Class Assembly * Tuesday 11th December ~ Year 5 flu immunisation * Thursday 13th December ~ Christmas lunch * Friday 14th December ~ Christingle Church service * Tuesday 18th December ~ Homework assembly * Wednesday 19th December ~ last day of term * Wednesday 2nd January ~ PD Day * Thursday 3rd January ~ children return to school | |

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