



## Welcome to the Spring Term in Owl Class!

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holidays. Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts, they are greatly appreciated. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming term. Feel free to catch me afterschool any time if you have any questions.

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. A medium term plan showing what will be covered in each subject is attached.

### Reading

Last term the children were given a list of suggested books for children in Years 5 and 6 and these are on our school website. There are some great suggestions if your children are unsure which books to read next.

### Reading Display

In class, we are continuing to use the reading display. This display shows 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 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!



### Washing Tablet Boxes Needed

**For a DT project at the end of the Spring term we need some empty cardboard washing tablet boxes (standard size ones ~ about 15cmx15cm) so if you finish any boxes this term, please send them into school with your children.**



### Homework

Home learning tasks are on the home learning sheet. The children also have their CGP books and should be regularly working on these at home. Spellings will be handed out in six-week blocks again and using the online game Spelling Shed is a great way for your children to regularly practise these.



### 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.



Remember to regularly check the school newsletter for weekly messages and key dates for your diary.  
Mrs Smithson