



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.



Topic

Our first topic this term is 'The Victorians'. During this theme we will be developing our understanding of life in the Victorian times, improving our map skills whilst learning about Victorian empires around the World, using research skills and applying our non-fiction writing skills. 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. We have a topic display in our classroom and we would really appreciate any additional work your children have done at home to add to this display (such as artwork based on the Victorians, fictional stories they have written, research projects they have done, timelines they have made, photos from places they have visited or things they have made, etc.).

Knowledge Organiser

This year, we will be giving the children knowledge organisers for each topic. This contains some of the key knowledge that will help them to achieve well in their topic learning. We would greatly appreciate you spending a few minutes going through this with your children at home. They will have a second copy of this to keep in school.

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.



Reading 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 as part of a dictation exercise. The children will also receive a CGP question book for grammar, reading and maths to be completed at home throughout the year. The Year 5s will need to hand these in by July and the Year 6s by May.

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.





PE

The children will usually be having PE on **Tuesdays 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.

Pencil Cases

The children are allowed to bring in pencil cases to Owls Class. These could contain: pencil, rubber, glue stick, sharpener, black handwriting pen, blue pen, a small selection of coloured pencils. These should **not** contain: scissors, compass, permanent markers (e.g. sharpies).



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.



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!

Some Dates for the Diary

Remember to regularly check your children's book bags for further information about events and important updates.

We welcome Tony Hood from Hopton Free Church who will be working with the Years 5 and 6 for a session on Wednesday mornings during the first half term on an Old Testament series.

17.09.19 – Year 6 Sports Festival at Thurston Community College

24.09.19 - 3:30 Kingswood Meeting for Parents & Carers

26.09.19 - pm Harkirat Singh ~ Sikh visitor in school

27.09.19 - pm Macmillan Cake Sale

02.10.19 - 04.10.09 – Kingswood Trip

10.10.19 - 9:15 Harvest Festival

10.10.19 - Grandparents' Lunch

17.10.19 - Individual photos

18.10.19 - PD Day

28.10.19 - 3:30 - 5:30 - Parents' Evening

29.10.19 - 4:30 - 7:00 - Parents' Evening

26.11.19 - English session for parents & carers

02.12.19 - Dressing the Christmas Tree Assembly

06.12.19 – Year 6 to TCC for Carols & lunch

07.12.19 - Christmas Fair

18.12.19 - 9:00 Homework Assembly

19.12.19 - 9:15 Christmas Service at church

Mrs Smithson ~ classteacher

Miss Walker, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Yarrow ~ Owls Class Support Staff