



Owl Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As I'm sure you are aware, it has been an incredibly busy start to the term. Please note, there are a few key changes, particularly to homework, to be aware of as you read through this edition of the newsletter.

Our Learning:

In **English**, the children will be using the story of Goldilocks to write newspapers, reporting her actions as a crime before moving on to a unit of work using The Graveyard Book.

In **Maths**, the children will be spending the majority of the half-term learning about decimals, including how these link to previous learning on fractions.

In **Humanities**, the children's learning will be History focused. They will be studying the development of medicine and considering how this has impacted on how we live our life today.

The children will learn about how materials can be changed and adapted in **Science**.

In **RE**, the children will focus on Hinduism, specifically looking at how Brahman and atman influence the way a Hindu lives.

In **Computing**, the children will be exploring variables and how by changing these we can get different outputs.

In their **Art** lessons, the children will have the opportunity to express 'space' themed art using different medium.

The 'à l'école' unit in **French**, will teach the children to talk about what subjects they do in school.

In **PE** this half-term, the children will develop skills in swimming and dance.



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Reading, Times Tables and Homework

In UKS2 it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind your children to log all of their reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records when they have read. Please ensure that reading records are returned to school on a daily basis.

There is also an expectation that children complete 15 garage games on Times Tables Rock Stars each week so they can master their times tables.

Going forward, homework will be issued at the start of each half term in the form of a project, linking to something that the children are studying in school. This half term we have decided to theme this around our History topic. Children have the whole half term to complete the project, choosing to display their work in a way that they see fit.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If 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.

PE kits

Children in Year 5 will be going swimming on a Monday so please ensure they bring the correct kit into school to allow them to take part in these lessons. All of Owls will need their PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning and find out about whole school updates. The children have made an excellent start to the term and I have no doubt that this will continue.

Mr Smith