



Owls Class Newsletter

Autumn term 2025

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We have had a great start to the term and hope the children have enjoyed it too. Our topic this term will be Ancient Egypt and we have attached this term's curriculum map to give you an overview of the things we will be learning.

Drop off / Pick up reminder

In the morning, we will welcome Owls into the classroom between 8.30 and 8.45am. The children will come into the classroom through our external classroom door, accessed via the churchyard. At 8.45am, the gate will be closed and the register will be taken. If the gate is closed when you arrive, you will need to take your child to the main entrance and sign them in. At the end of the day, children should be collected from **Kites classroom door** at 3.20pm.

PE

Owls will be taught PE every Tuesday and Wednesday so please send your child to school wearing their **Semley PE kit** on those days. The sports they will be covering this term are football, netball, gymnastics and multiskills. PE will be taught by Mrs Mills and Coach Luke.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. Children are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack to have during morning playtime.

Pencil Cases

Children do not need to bring a pencil case into school. Everything they need will be provided.

Toys

Please leave all toys, including fidget toys, at home unless an SEN arrangement has been agreed with Owls teachers.



Reading

Children have chosen their own reading books from the book band they have been allocated and these will be coming home on Friday. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day. Children should record their nights of reading in their reading records as part of the reading challenge. If your child reaches 250 nights of reading by the end of the year, they will be invited to a very special tea party with Mrs CC. Please note; the challenge is for 250 separate nights of reading so each day counts for one night only, even if your child has read more than once that day. When the children reach a milestone (every 50 nights), this will be celebrated in assembly. Adults in school will not be writing in recording records, it is used only as a record for the reading challenge. We understand that the children will be reading to themselves a lot, but we would still encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible. This will provide opportunities for discussion about their book and to practise reading skills such as inference, prediction and recall. It will also build their confidence when reading aloud.

Have you got an hour to spare? We would warmly welcome any volunteers who would like to come into school and hear the children read. Please come and speak to us if you are able to help.

Spellings

Some children will have additional weekly spellings to learn. These will come home on a Friday and tested the following Friday in the back of their spelling book **so please ensure this book is in school every Friday.**

Weather appropriate clothes

Please ensure your child is prepared for all eventualities for our unpredictable English climate. Sunhats, sun cream, raincoats, woolly hats and gloves should all be clearly named. The children will be outside at break times in most weather so please ensure they are well prepared.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Sarah Mills and Mrs Jane Adcock
Owls Class Teachers