



## Owls Class Newsletter

Spring term 2024

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated.

Our learning this term will be based around the rainforest. Earlier this week we began our new class book – ‘The Explorer’ by Katherine Rundell – an adventure fiction story about four children stranded in the Amazon rainforest. In Geography, we will be diving further into the rainforest and learning about where in the world rainforests are found, who lives in the rainforest and how the rainforests are changing. Please see our curriculum map for further information on what we will be learning about this term.

Children should continue to wear their **PE kit every Tuesday and Wednesday** throughout the term. They should also have a coat and named water bottle in school every day.

With the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check creeping ever closer, we have ramped up the times tables practice in the classroom. The test consists of 25 quick-fire questions randomly selected from any of the tables up to 12 x 12. The test is done online and at the end of last term we introduced the children to a website that allows the children to practise their times tables, using a similar format to the one they will use in June. This can be accessed via <https://urbrainy.com/mtc> or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> - please encourage your child to practise at home for a few minutes every day if possible. Year 5s are also encouraged to keep practising their tables too!

We are looking forward to another exciting term!

Best wishes,

*Mrs Sarah Mills and Mrs Jane Adcock*