



# Owls Class Newsletter

Autumn term 2023

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We have had a great start to the week and hope the children have enjoyed it too. Our topic this term is 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 fruit 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.



### Reading

Children have chosen their own reading books from the book band they have been allocated. Please encourage your child to read every day. Last year, Mrs CC introduced a reading challenge to KS1: if you read for 200 nights, you are rewarded with a book to take home. We are very pleased that this is being extended to KS2 this year. All children will be given a reading record and can write in this every time they read. When they have reached a milestone (every 25 reads), this will be acknowledged in celebration assembly. 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

The children will be provided with weekly spellings. Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday in the back of their spelling book **so please ensure this book is in school every Thursday**. As part of their homework this year, children will be asked to put each of their spellings into a sentence and to write their sentences neatly in their spelling book. We look forward to reading their sentences – the more imaginative, the better!

### Weather appropriate clothes

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