



Owl Class

Curriculum Letter



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Owl Class!



We hope that you all had a restful summer and that you are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. We have been very impressed with how well all the children have settled into the new routines and to school life. We are also very proud of how quickly they have made our new pupil feel welcome.

English

Our first topic this half term will focus on stories with a familiar setting. We will be investigating the stories written by **Shirley Hughes**, with particular focus on 'Dogger'. Children will research and act out the story before planning their own version.

After that, we will begin to look at **non-fiction writing**. We will be writing job adverts and newspaper reports linked to our topic: Iceberg Straight Ahead!

The class will be spending 20mins each day looking at letter shape, formation and revising initial phonic blends. We will then extend their knowledge of spellings and sounds including: 'silent 'b', 'w' and 'k', 'wh', 'ph', 'ea', soft 'c', and 'g', 'wa', 'ou', 'air', in words and sentences.

Grammar will focus on nouns, verbs and adjectives and the importance of a full stop.

Maths

In maths, we are learning to extend our knowledge in the areas of:

- Place value and counting on and back with numbers up to 20, and for those who are able, up to 100
- Addition and subtraction
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Addition and Subtraction with money

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An important aspect of mathematics is to apply this knowledge to problem solving and investigations. This means that a component of mathematics taught must be to reason, question, reflect and discuss strategies in order to answer questions.

Topic

Topic encompasses geography, history, art and design technology. This term our topic is **Iceberg Straight Ahead!** We will be investigating the story of the Titanic, looking at how the ship was built, who would have worked on the ship and the journey it took as it crossed to America.

In the second half term we shall continue with the arctic theme and investigate our Frozen Planet. Both topics will allow children to use a variety of maps and begin to learn about compass direction. We will also look at the story of Christmas and be practicing our eagerly awaited Nativity.

If your child has a book or item related to our topic work, we would like them to have the opportunity to share it with the class. However, they must bring the item in, in

Science

This term we are looking at our own **amazing bodies** and how they work. We will begin by identifying the main parts of our body before taking a closer look at inside the body. Children will learn about the bones within their bodies and how they work with muscles to make us move. We shall also explore the main organs within our body and why it is important to keep healthy and eat a balanced diet.

RE

In this half term we shall be investigating the big question: **Who should we follow?** Within this unit we will read and discuss the story of Joshua. Children will think about who leads them and what attributes these leaders have. The children will also learn about the importance of giving thanks at Harvest time and will be involved in delivering gifts to the local community. After half term, the focus will be on the true meaning of Christmas and the Nativity story. It is always a very exciting time!

Computing

What is an algorithm? This term we are putting on our technology hats and beginning to think about this big question. We will begin by looking at the meaning of this technical term, before diving into creating our own algorithms for a program. The children will have lots of fun programming our Beebot robots and our Probots to draw shapes.

Art

In Art, our work will reflect our Titanic topic, leading to making and studying a variety of images of the Titanic and exploring the medium of charcoal and paint.

PE/Games

PE will now take place on a **Wednesday**. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit on this day. Where possible this will take place outside, so please ensure your child has warm layers ie. Fleece and joggers as the weather becomes colder. We are both looking forward to teaching P.E. this term.

Homework

We encourage all families to continue to **read regularly** with your children, 10 to 20 minutes a day would be wonderful. We will resume sending books home from the school reading scheme.

3 books will come home with the children on **Monday and must be returned by Friday**. Books will then be quarantined over the weekend, before being used again. Please continue to record in your child's yellow book every time you read with them.

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New **spellings** continue to be given out every **Monday**. We encourage the children to practice their spellings every day using the look, cover, write, say and spell method. We would also like them to practise using the words in a sentence.

We would also like to encourage you to log in to your **Reading Eggs** accounts and continue working through the different activities. There are spelling activities, phonics activities and books to read.

Curriculum Meeting

We would like to invite you to a zoom curriculum meeting at 3.30pm Wednesday 16th September, where we will explain a little more about what the children are learning, how you can support them at home and answer any questions you may have

Important Information

- Thursday 16th September Zoom curriculum meeting:

Topic: Owl Class Curriculum Meeting

Time: Sep 16, 2020 03:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71875760602?pwd=SkFUVGFENVd6YTNRekt4QUIJOVV4UT09>

Meeting ID: 718 7576 0602

Passcode: OWLS2020

- We appreciate that our parent agreement originally stated that we did not want the children to bring bags to school, however, as the children now have reading books, and we will start sending homework home soon we would like to ask that each child brings their belongings in a small backpack or book bag. It will also make it easier at the gate when we have to sanitise hands.
- Please adhere to your drop off and pick up time. These are in place to avoid traffic congestion and too many people gathering at the gate.

Year 1:	8.45 Drop off	2.45pm Pick up
Year 2:	9am Drop off	3.00pm Pick up
- Please inform the school if another person is picking up your child.
- Mrs. Stockdale will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Mrs. Downie will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mrs Downie

Mrs Stockdale

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