

Year 3 Owls' Newsletter (Autumn term 1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3, Owls Class! I extend a warm welcome to all parents and carers upon our return to school. I hope you have all been able to stay safe and well in these unprecedented times we are currently living in. Already, the children have settled in so well and are showing me just what they are capable of! Any initial anxieties the children had about returning to school appear to have disappeared and they are beginning to re-establish the school routine well. However, should you have any worries or concerns, feel free to contact me via your child's planner or on the telephone.

Kind regards,

Mr Lewis, Mrs Corrigan and Mrs O'Brien

<u>Class Notices</u>	<u>Our Learning</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Swimming and P.E.</u></p> <p>PE will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please could all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit for these sessions. All PE kit must be clearly labelled and earrings must not be worn for PE (it would be useful if earrings could be removed at home on PE days). On Mondays, the P.E lesson consists of swimming at the Pelican Centre. Please send the £3.50 cost per session in a clearly marked envelope on a Monday. Alternatively, you can pay for multiple weeks or a whole half-term. Children will need to bring a swimming costume (girls) and trunks (boys). Swimming shorts are permitted but should not extend below the knee. Children will also need a towel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assemblies</u></p> <p>Due to current restrictions and guidelines, there will be no whole school assemblies until further notice. All Worship, Picture News and Star assemblies will still happen daily but will be held in class for now. Star certificates will still be awarded on Fridays with the reason for the award written on the back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water Bottles</u></p> <p>Please provide a water bottle for your child to use in school. This will need to be taken home after each day, washed and re-filled and returned to school the next day.</p>	<p><u>English:</u> We will be writing letters based on the picture book 'Dragon Post' and a story based on the book The True Story of The Three Little Pigs.</p> <p><u>Maths:</u> We will be looking at Place Value and moving on to addition and subtraction.</p> <p><u>Science:</u> The focus will be on Humans and Animals.</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> In History we will be learning about The Stone Age.</p> <p><u>R.E.:</u> We will be looking at Harvest and God.</p> <p><u>Spelling:</u> We will continue to learn some of the words and associated spelling rules from the National Curriculum Y3&4 Key Words list.</p> <p><u>Handwriting:</u> We will be following the Nelson Handwriting scheme, ensuring our letter formation and joins are beginning to be consistent.</p> <p><u>Art:</u> We will be making studying the artist, L.S. Lowry.</p> <p><u>Music:</u> We will be with a focusing on Rhythm and Junk Band.</p> <p><u>Computing:</u> We will begin by looking at Internet Safety and will move on to Coding using the Purple Mash software.</p> <p><u>French:</u> Our topics will be called 'Moi' (All about me)</p> <p><u>JIGSAW (PSHE):</u> Our topic is called: Being Me In My World</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Home Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Homework will alternate between English and Mathematics but could also feature History, Geography, Science or project work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spellings</u></p> <p>Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and tested <u>the following Friday.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Due to the current situation, planners and reading books will be checked and changed on Tuesdays only for Year 3. If your child has a note that you wish me to see please ask them to leave their planner open on their desk so that I can read it. Please ensure you continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week and sign and record in your child's planner to let us know they have read and we can update the reading chart. If your child completes a book before boom changing day, they can write a review of the book or read something of their own at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Table Challenge</u></p> <p>Year 3 children will begin to participate in Times Table Challenge on a Thursday. Please take any opportunity to practise times tables with your child as this knowledge is crucial for working at the required standard in Year 3 Mathematics. Times table facts need to be known in reverse (division) and also in missing number sentences, in order for children to pass a level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diary Dates</u></p> <p>Diary dates will be confirmed and released as restrictions and government guidance are updated. You will be notified in advance via text or email as soon as we are updated and can plan more events.</p>