

Barn Owls Information for Parents: Summer 2018

Welcome back to Barn Owls for a super Summer term! I hope you had a fantastic Easter break with lots of relaxing, family time and plenty of Easter eggs.



What a wonderful Spring term we had – thank you to all of the enthusiasm and support from home that you provided for our topics and our school trip.



Topic: This term we will cover several topics, beginning with ‘Our Secret Garden’. This topic will involve finding out about how plants grow in science as well as having a go at growing our own plants, providing them with everything they need. We will also discover one of my favourite childhood books, ‘The Secret Garden’ in English. If you have any resources at home or skills that will help us with our topic, we would love to hear from you.

Playtime fruit/drink: Please continue to remind your child to bring their water bottle to school each day for a hydrated brain! We provide fruit for a snack at playtime but some children also like to bring their own fruit – please note that only *fresh/dried fruit* is permitted as an additional snack.

PE: Children will need black shorts and a red t-shirt for P.E. as usual. As the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer, the children will begin outdoor P.E. and will therefore need outdoor trainers for these P.E. sessions too. Please continue to ensure all clothing and shoes are **named** so that lost pieces are easier to find – we have had a number of ‘mysterious cases of the missing trousers’ recently which can be tricky! Thank you.



Homework: Thank you to all those who are supporting their children to complete additional work at home. Your child’s new homework sheet is being sent home today and contains tasks that should be completed weekly (reading/maths/spelling skills) as well as a number of optional activities for your child to choose from based around our topic. I love to see all the creativity and hard work that goes on at home. Feel free to ask if there is anything you would like any extra support with.

KS1 SATS: Just so you are aware, the children in Barn Owls will be undertaking their end of Key Stage 1 SATs assessments at the end of this half term (week beginning 21st May). We aim to keep these assessments low-key and informal as the children are still young and we do not wish to put undue pressure on them. They will complete these in small groups and they will be approached as ‘Secret Agent Training’ activities to keep things as light-hearted as possible. We will not refer to the assessments as ‘SATs’ or even ‘tests’ and would prefer that you do the same. Please be assured that these assessments go hand in hand with my own teacher judgements at the end of the year and a bad day is not the end of the world! I have already spoken to many of you about these assessments but please do ask if there is anything you would like to know.

Again, your support and positivity around Barn Owls is greatly appreciated and I look forward to a fun, sunny term working with you and your children as they complete Year 2.

Please continue to ask questions, offer support and be as involved as possible in your children’s learning - I am always happy to listen to any concerns or successes that your child encounters and will do all I can to help.