

Eagle Owls Information for Parents 2016/2017

Teacher: Mr John Key

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Karen Merry



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to their new class and very much look forward to working together to build a partnership that will enable your child to do their very best during this year at Hambleton. The final years at Primary School are especially important as your child prepares for that big step into High School. We have found that children do their best when you are actively involved and interested in what they do at school. Your involvement might range from talking to them about what they have been doing, to reading with them, helping with homework, or even coming into school to work with your own or other children. If you have any questions about what you can do to help your children, please ask and we will do what we can to help.

Curriculum: We work hard to produce a dynamic and stimulating curriculum and have been pleased to be given positive feedback from the children. They have a varied timetable which challenges and supports them across the full range of subjects. English and Maths are taught on a daily basis whilst other subjects are usually taught weekly, using a thematic approach whenever appropriate.

Visits: Although there may be others planned during the year, the main focus will be our annual residential visit which is scheduled for 6th-8th March, 2017. This year's visit will focus on outdoor and adventurous activities and will be based at Robinwood Activity Centre in Alston, Cumbria.

Equipment: The school will provide all the equipment that your child will need to use, however many children like to have their own pencil case. If they do bring one to school, we ask that it should be small!



Link Books: All children will be issued with a booklet which we have called 'The Link'. This booklet will be used as one of our means of Home/School communication. If you have a message then please ask your child to show this to Mr Key or Mrs Merry when they arrive at school.

Playtime fruit/drink: Your child has been provided with their own water bottle which needs to be taken home each night to be washed - a hydrated brain is an active one so we encourage the children to drink plenty throughout the day. Many children bring a fruit snack for playtime - if your child does not then please reconsider this since they will be having no energy intake from breakfast until lunch and clearly cannot be performing to their potential. Please note that other playtime snacks are not permitted.



PE/ Games: PE days vary, depending upon weather and coaching staff. Pupils will need to wear red t-shirt and black shorts. For outdoor games the children may also wear additional warm clothing suitable for the activity - appropriate footwear (trainers or boots) and a change of socks are also necessary. No jewellery should be worn for health and safety reasons, and earrings should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own, it would be helpful if they were

to leave them at home on days when they know they are doing physical activities. If children have just had their ears pierced and should not remove them until healed, we can make temporary arrangements for them to cover over them with tape if they bring some adhesive plasters or alternative (please write a request in your child's link book).

SATs

Please note that Year 6 SATs are due to take place during week commencing 8th May, 2017.

Homework: Our approach to homework will be changing this year - new guidance will be sent out so please take the chance to read and understand our expectations.

Young Leaders: In their final year at Hambleton School pupils have the exciting opportunity to participate in our bespoke Hambleton Young Leaders' initiative with the following aims:



- To learn more about themselves and others.
- To give all children opportunity to recognise leadership skills in themselves and other people.
- To develop new skills.
- To learn more about relationships with peer group/other children/adults.
- To encourage co-operation, teamwork, self-confidence, independence and communication.

We see this as a unique opportunity and trust you will fully support your Year 6 child in achieving success in the scheme.

Renaissance Home Connect: Renaissance Home Connect is a tool that connects the school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress toward Accelerated Reader targets and encourages the child to practice reading at home.

• You can view your child's progress towards reading targets and reader certification, and view all books that your child has read and quizzes your child has taken.

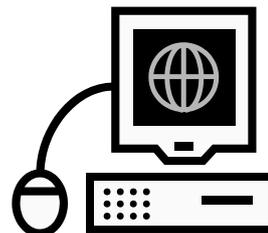
• You can access an online search tool, AR BookFinder, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject or reading level.

• You can receive emails that show the results for Reading Practice Quizzes and Vocabulary Practice Quizzes and provide links to a Website where you can check progress.

The Web address for Renaissance Home Connect is:

<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894048/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

The same login and password that your child uses at school will work at home.



Mathletics and Spellodrome: We are now using Mathletics and Spellodrome as an important part of our curriculum. Through a unique username and password your child will have 24 hour access at home and school to these web-based learning programs. We recommend that you spend time looking at the programs with your child so that you can see how they will benefit his or her learning. As a parent or guardian, you can sign up to receive **weekly reports**. These reports will provide you with details on your child's progress and achievement. To register for this service, you will need your child's username and password.

- Visit www.mathletics.com/parents
- Complete the fields and click **Submit**
- Record your new username and password

To access the **Parent Centre**:

- Visit the Mathletics website
- Sign in using your own user details



We look forward to a positive partnership between home and school this year, so that together we can strive to make this a happy and successful one for your child.

*Please keep up to date by reading the weekly **Wise Up** which is sent out via e-mail every Friday in term time. In addition to this, a 'What's Happening' and Clubs List are sent out at the beginning of each term. Weekly curriculum updates are posted on the school website (open 'Parents' tab then 'Teacher to Parent Proformas').*