

Elf Owls Information for Parents 2016/17 Summer Term

Class Teacher: Miss Clay

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Anger

What a busy Spring term! The children worked very hard and deserved their Easter break. We hope you enjoyed a fun and relaxing time – and plenty of Easter eggs!



Our first topic this term is all about animals. We will be learning all about different zoo animals and writing our very own information texts. We will find out about what animals need to survive, what they eat and where they live in the wild. Finally, we will take a trip to the zoo to end our exciting topic and see lots of animals in real life. If you have any resources at home that link well to our topics, we would be delighted to have a look at them.

Homework: In Elf Owls Class, your child is expected to complete **weekly** activities to practise key skills at home. These include reading, spellings and basic maths skills. Please look online at the Teacher-Parent Liaison slips each week to see which spellings to practise. Each half term, there are also a number of optional activities for your child to choose from based around our topic. Homework journals can be used to record any activities that your child has chosen to complete and these can be handed in each **Thursday** should you have work to show off!



Thank you for your continued support with homework – the work done at home really helps to add value to your child's learning in school.

P.E. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school each week so that they can fully engage in our sessions. We will usually be doing P.E. on a *Monday* and a *Wednesday* this half term. The children will need their outdoor P.E. kit for Monday sessions please.

Phonics Screening Check: Following the recent parents meeting regarding the teaching and assessment of phonics in year 1, just a quick reminder that the Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning 12th June 2017. In preparation for the check, your child will bring home a list of real and 'alien' words each week to practise reading. Please support your child to sound out and blend each word carefully, putting sound buttons on if needed. If you have any questions about this assessment, please feel free to pop in to discuss these at any time.

Bookworm Wednesday: Please note that there will be **no Bookworm Wednesday** during the first half of the Summer term. We are due to have gymnastics sessions first thing on a Wednesday so will need the time to get changed. Bookworm Wednesday will resume for the final half term of Year 1. Thank you to all those who have attended our sessions so far and we will look forward to welcoming you back later in the summer.



Thanks also for approaching us when you feel the need – as you know we welcome your views and always listen to any concerns you may have. Let us build on our positive partnership in order to ensure another successful term for your child at Hambleton CE Primary School.