

Barn Owls Information for Parents 2017/18

Class Teacher: Miss Clay


Teaching Assistant: Mrs Styrin

Welcome to Barn Owls! I hope you have had a wonderful time over the summer and are ready and excited for Year 2. I am looking forward to working with you all again this year and making sure that life in Barn Owls is enjoyable, challenging and successful for everyone.




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

Topic: Our first topic this year is **Dungeons and Dragons!** We have a lot of exciting learning opportunities to help us with our topic; from stories about dragons in English, describing dragons in grammar and learning about castles in our cross-curricular topic work. If you have any resources at home that will help us with our topic, we would love to see them!

 **Communication:** Within the first few weeks of term, all children will be issued with a new 'Link book'. This booklet will be used as one of our means of Home/School communication. If you have used the link book to write a message, please ask your child to show this to Miss Clay 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, filled and returned – a hydrated brain is an active one so we encourage the children to drink plenty throughout the day. 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:** This term, Barn Owls will be doing PE on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** when children will need to wear a red t-shirt and black shorts. No jewellery should be worn for health and safety reasons and earrings should be removed. Please ensure all clothing and shoes are **named** so that lost pieces are easier to find! Thank you.

Homework: In Barn Owls, your child is expected to complete weekly activities to practise key skills at home – you will receive the first homework letter next week. These include reading, spellings and basic maths skills. 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. I love to see all the creativity and hard work that goes on at home.



Reading Books: This year your child will continue to take home Oxford Reading Tree Books which they can swap any day of the week. These books will need to be returned before the children can receive a new one. This year we will also be having some 'Library Time' during the school day once a week. We will be visiting the school library and will have the chance to bring home a book each week to share with our families. Please be assured that it is equally fine to hear your child read this book **or** read the book to your child depending on the level they have chosen. Allowing your child to practise their reading fluency skills, talking about what they have read and modelling an enjoyment of reading will all greatly support your child's reading development and we appreciate the time you spend reading together.

If you have any more question about any changes to routines or expectations in Year 2, please ask. I am looking forward to a wonderful year – let's get started!