

## Barn Owls Information for Parents 2017/18

**Class Teacher: Miss Clay**  
**Teaching Assistant: Mrs Styrin**  
**Student Teacher: Mr Robinson**

Welcome back to Barn Owls. I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!



The Autumn Term seems to have flown by – the children have worked so hard and we have had lots of fun.

**Welcome to a new face:** This term we welcome Mr Robinson who will be working in our class as he continues his teacher training. The children are enthusiastic and excited to meet him and I am sure he will be an asset to our class team!



**Topic:** Our first topic this term is 'Marvellous Magic'. We will begin by learning all about Fantastic Beasts and design our own magical creature. We will then learn about potion making, investigating materials in science and writing instructions in English...with lots of links to Harry Potter of course (my favourite!) and plenty of opportunities for art and DT along the way. If you have any resources at home that will help us with our topic, we would love to see them.

**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:** This term, Barn Owls will be doing PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday** 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:** Thank you to all those who are supporting their children to complete additional work at home. Your child's new homework sheet was sent home at the end of the first week of term 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.

**Reading Books:** We continue to visit the school library each week to choose a book 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. Each child also continues to have a reading book at their level to bring home as often as possible (daily if they wish!) 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.

It is a pleasure to work with such a lovely set of parents and your wonderful children – I hope we will carry on working together to ensure that Year 2 continues to be enjoyable and successful for everyone. 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.