

Elf Owls
Autumn Term newsletter



Welcome back everyone! We have had a brilliant start to the new school year and the children have all settled in well.

Year 1 is a lot more demanding on focus, concentration, independence and skills! The children may come home tired for the first half term. So far they have risen to the challenges and we have already demonstrated perseverance and enthusiasm to be excellent learners.

Our first topic

This half term we will spend some time learning about friendship. This is our whole school Christian Value and so we are thinking about 😊 being good friends in our class too. We are a very friendly team

We are also going to be learning about castles. We will be finding out about the parts of a castle, what they were for, where castles are in our country and investigating how castles protected themselves.

Writing

We will try to cover two important objectives this half term. We will be writing lists and labels and also learning to write a story using our Talk for Writing approach. The main focus for our writing skills is writing sentences

with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Reading

We will start group reading in the second week where the children will read with the teacher. During this time we practise the skills of reading-blending and decoding - and also develop our comprehension skills. Children will also be heard read individually at least once a week. It is really important that children read at home and practise their sounds and words.

Phonics

Children have daily phonics where we learn new sounds and how to say, write, blend for reading and segment for spelling.

The weekly spelling lists we send home will be linked to the sounds we will be learning/revising in phonics.

Maths

Our first unit of learning in maths is counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 10. We also make sure we are secure in number bonds to 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will also be applying this learning in problem solving and investigative contexts.

PE

As the weather is getting colder and we may still go outside, it would be really helpful if the children could have a full PE kit in school including outdoor PE trainers and a jumper; in case it is still a bit chilly. Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays.



Homework

Next week you will receive a homework book and homework sheet. These have some key tasks we suggest must be done with your child as they support them in their key skills in school. Also on the sheet will be a range of different activities linked to our topic and **these are optional**. Please feel free to do as many or a few as you like. Some children and parents are keen to carry on their learning at home and these just give you a few ideas of how you can do this.

Snack

Please make sure you only send your child with a fresh or a dried fruit snack for snack time. Children in year 1 do still get a fruit snack at school too.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to call in or ring. If you need a longer chat, after school is always better.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Harpham and Mrs. Styrin

