

Tawny Autumn Newsletter

We would like to welcome you all back after the summer holidays and hope you all enjoyed the break. We have had a fantastic first week in school getting to know each other through fun activities. The Autumn term will include exciting topics such as studying the Stone Age to Iron Age period and developing our scientific knowledge on electricity. All areas of the curriculum will be linked in with the topics to ensure your child receives a varied curriculum. The children will begin computer programming and expressing their creative side through art and DT activities. Children will be in single year groups for maths and spelling. We are currently using the Maths – No problem mastery approach in maths which will be used consistently throughout school.

PE sessions this term will include invasion games such as handball and Hockey which will improve ball handling skills and team work. Tawny Owls will also be involved in weekly gymnastic sessions. Your child will be required to have their PE kit suitable for outdoor and indoor PE (including trainers) in school each day. During warmer weather please ensure children have applied sun screen before they come in to school. No jewellery should be worn in PE for health and safety reasons. Your child has been provided with a water bottle which needs to be taken home each day and washed for the following day. A healthy snack may also be brought in for playtimes.

Homework will be sent out each half term. There will be some aspects that your child will be expected to carry out on a regular basis and a list of tasks that your child can choose from to complete throughout the half term. The children will then have the opportunity to share their homework with their peers at the end of each half term. Children will be issued with a reading book which they are required to take home and bring back to school daily. Children are encouraged to read as often as possible and quizzes can be taken when they come into school to develop comprehension skills. Children are also encouraged to read for interest outside of school through various sources. As some children may read ahead of their years please ensure the book your child has chosen is age appropriate and please inform me if there are any problems with your child's book so we can work in partnership to monitor this.

I have created a class login so children can access ebooks through the oxford owl website.

Web address: <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Click on: My Class Login

Username: tawny owls 2017

Password: Tawny Owls 2017

In KS2 we encourage the children to become independent. This includes looking after their belongings, organising themselves and taking their AR quizzes regularly. Although they will have reminders in class, the children are encouraged to try and think for themselves in order to develop independence and take some responsibility for their learning. Children are also encouraged to walk around to the infant playground to meet their parents/carers with clear instructions to come back to class if there is no adult present. However, if parents prefer they can collect their child from the junior playground.

A date for the diary! Year 3/4's residential will take place on the 18th-20th April 2015 to National Forest. Further information on the visit will be provided later in the school year.

As the children may get messy during art activities we are advise that your child brings an old shirts/t-shirts in order to protect uniforms. Also any old PE kits would be greatly appreciated to use for spare kit. Donations of old newspapers would also be appreciated to use during messy activities.

If you have any enquiries then please feel free to call in and I will be happy to make time to discuss things further.

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