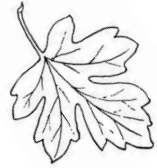


Tawny Owls Information for Parents
Autumn Term 2016/17



We would like to welcome you all back after the summer holidays and hope you all enjoyed the break. We have had a great first week in Tawny class and everyone is settling in well. The Autumn term will consist of a range of exciting topics including natural disasters. Areas of the curriculum such as English, science, DT/Art and geography will be linked with our topic. As it is Roald Dahl day on the 13th September we will be enjoying Roald Dahl classics and carrying out work linked to the books. Children will now be in single year groups for maths, spelling and handwriting. We are using the *Maths - No problem* mastery approach in maths which will be used consistently throughout school.

For PE sessions we will be starting the term with handball which you may have seen in the Olympics! Your child will be required to have their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times (this includes trainers). During warmer weather please ensure children have applied sun screen before they come to school. No jewellery should be worn 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 fruit snack may also be brought in for playtimes.

Homework will now 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. 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 inform me if there are any problems with your child's book so we can work in partnership to monitor this.

Mathletics/Spellodrome

We are now using Mathletics and Spellodrome as an important part of our maths and literacy curriculum. Through a unique username and password your child will have 24 hour access at home and school to this web-based learning program. We recommend that you spend time looking at the program with your child so that you can see how Mathletics/Spellodrome will benefit his or her learning. As a parent or guardian, you can sign up to receive weekly reports. These reports will provide you with details on your child's progress and achievement. To register for this service, you will need your child's username and password.

Visit www.mathletics.com/parents

Complete the fields and click Submit

Record your new username and password

To access the Parent Centre:

Visit the Mathletics website

Sign in using your own user details

Further information and guides on Mathletics can be found under the Help tab.

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 24th - 26th May 2015 in Manchester. Further information on the visit will be provided later in the school year.

As the children may get messy during art activities we are asking for donations of any old shirts/t-shirts in order to protect uniforms. Also any old PE kits would be greatly appreciated to use for spare kit.

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

Teacher: Miss Haigh

HLTA: Mrs Key

LSA's: Mrs Anderson, Miss Hamilton, Mrs Ryan

