

## Welcome back – Spring Term 2026

### Little Owls

#### Whole school topic – ‘Let’s Explore the World’

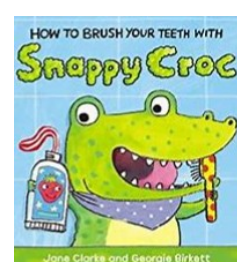
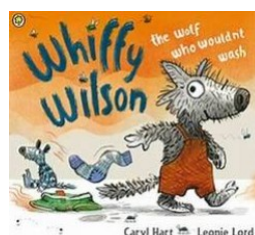
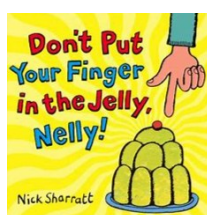
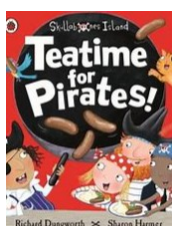
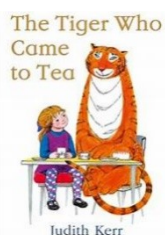
Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a lovely time over Christmas and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. It is great to see the children back in school and we look forward to another fun filled half term, they have come back and settled so quickly – they should be very proud. I wanted to say a particular thank you for the incredibly generous gifts at Christmas for myself, Mrs Laycock, Mrs Bingham, Mrs Cummings and Mrs Page. We really appreciated them and enjoyed all the treats over Christmas!

Our worship theme this half term is, **Courage**

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love

- 1 Corinthians 16 13-14

Our topic this half term is **FOOD – healthy eating and how we keep healthy bodies, including why we need to brush our teeth!** For this we will be reading many books such as...



In our literacy

lessons we will be focusing on the story of The Gingerbread Man for our fiction text and then following recipes for gingerbread to make our own and creating new recipes for fruit salads using the story of Handa’s surprise.

The children have been learning all their phase 2 and 3 phonics, this term we will continue with phase 3 with a focus on writing the phonemes, working on letter formation as well as pencil grip. We will begin to write CVC words and captions to go with our stories.

### Maths

For Maths we follow the Whiterose Maths scheme, this term the focus is 0-5, understanding the concept of 0 as well as further developing our understanding within 5. We will then be exploring mass and capacity and finishing with the unit growing 6,7 and 8. In early years we are building solid foundations, children are developing a deep understanding of early number. They include these counting principles:

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The **one-one principle**. This involves children assigning one number name to each object that is being counted. Children need to ensure that they count each object only once ensuring they have counted every object.

2

The **stable-order principle**. Children understand when counting, the numbers have to be said in a certain order.

3

The **cardinal principle**. Children understand that the number name assigned to the final object in a group is the total number of objects in that group.

4

The **abstraction principle**. This involves children understanding that anything can be counted including things that cannot be touched including sounds and movements e.g. jumps.

5

The **order-irrelevance principle**. This involves children understanding that the order we count a group of objects is irrelevant. There will still be the same number.



In Little Owls, this half terms unit for PSHE (Jigsaw) is called '*Dreams and Goals*' and includes a focus on aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this. Every lesson there is also guidance on mindfulness.

This term our PE in the hall will continue to be **TUESDAY**, **the focus is - Games: Best of Balls!** During this set of lessons, children will learn lots of different things to do with a ball. They will practise and develop skills which include controlling a ball, rolling and throwing a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching a



ball and striking a ball. They will develop individual skills, as well as learning how to play a few simple games and become part of a team.

On this day your child should come to school wearing appropriate PE kit so they are able to move freely in the hall. This should be leggings/tracksuit bottoms, T-Shirt and jumper/hoodie as well as trainers for appropriate footwear. Having PE this way means we can transition into the lesson easily, allowing us more time for PE and less time spent on changing and losing clothes!

## Reminders

Your child will need their water bottle each day, these need to be clearly **labelled** and also a healthy snack, it is a long time until lunch! Having a **snack** of fruit, vegetable and maybe a cracker will keep us going until lunch arrives.

School milk is free for 4 year olds, but you still have to register if you would like your child to receive milk. Once they turn 5 milk has to be paid for. This can be done on the Cool Milk website [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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am always available on the gate in the morning or at the end of the day for a quick chat, but if you would like to arrange further discussions please feel free to contact the office and I can book in a phone call or in-person discussion! I am excited for another fun filled term ahead and continuing to see all of Little Owls grow in their confidence.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Miss Tucker ☺