

Dear Year 3 and 4 Owl Parents,

Welcome to Owls, I hope you have all had a lovely summer. I am so enthusiastic to begin the year ahead which will have an exciting curriculum, supported by engaged learners and parents.



We have been working hard already to get to know the new classroom and new friends within the classroom, as well as establishing routines and expectations that will be carried throughout the year ahead.



### **The team**

I will teach the class every day. Mrs Horton will be teaching the class for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time on a Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon. I will work closely with Mrs Horton to ensure planning and assessment information is shared and also to ensure that the subjects are rotated between myself and Mrs Horton throughout the year.

Miss Bayley will support the children in Owls on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Ralph will support the children every morning and Miss Hill will support the children every afternoon.



### **Owl projects:**

We have some great enquiry projects this year. We are going to begin with 'Why is water important?'. Our English topic is going to begin with setting descriptions using the book *The Land of Roar* as our class book. We have already started to read this book and the children have been enjoying it so far.

In maths we have started the term developing place value skills. This includes representing numbers in a variety of ways alongside partitioning numbers. The children will be able to apply prior learning from last year to develop these skills further.

### **Uniform**

It is important that the children in Owls set a good example to younger children in the school. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. For those children who have their ears pierced, these need to be plain studs which will need to be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. The only jewellery required is a watch or medic alert bracelet. Children with longer hair should have their hair tied back. There is more information on the school website regarding uniform should you need.



### **PE**

Owls will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday, our first two PE topics will be 'Yoga' and 'Personal Challenges'. The children will need their school PE kit in school for these days (plain white t shirt, black PE shorts and black daps). Sometimes we may have these PE lessons outside if the weather allows, so please also provide a dark coloured track suit or dark joggers and a sweatshirt. We will aim to use the outdoors in our learning throughout the year so please could children also bring a pair of wellies to be kept in school, and a coat.



## Meetings

Strong communications and links are important and valued within our school community. Class Dojo messages, emails and messages through the school office are the chosen main ways of maintaining those strong links and communications. This ensures that I can focus on maintaining the safety of the children at the end of the school day and through transitional periods. Phone calls or meetings can be arranged should you wish to discuss an issue, concern or enquiry further and I will be happy to do so.



## Home learning

I am looking forward to establishing a strong partnership between us, which will result in your child's learning journey being successful. It is strongly encouraged that you support your child at home by practicing reading, spelling, maths and enquiry skills. Your support at home is vital in making a difference to your child's development. Home learning will be set each week, unless otherwise stated, on a **Wednesday** and will need to be completed and shared by **Tuesday morning**.

<b>Read and Respond (weekly)</b>	Reading is a vital skill and we encourage children to <b>read</b> and <b>respond</b> to their reading at least <b>4 times a week</b> . It will help your child's skills to continue to develop if they could do as many of the responses as possible and vary the type they use.
<b>Spelling (weekly)</b>	One spelling list will be <b>set each week</b> . Children are expected to complete <b>6 games</b> . This is set so that you can see how many games are completed. Children can go over the 6 if they would like to.
<b>Times Tables (weekly)</b>	Children will be expected to complete <b>15 minutes</b> on Times Tables Rockstars <b>a week</b> . This is set so that you can see how many minutes out of the 15 have been completed. Again, children can go over the 15 if they wish.

## Kilve Residential (Year 4 Owls only)

We have arranged a residential for the end of February where year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to share this experience. This will take place at Kilve where the children will be able to take part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities. More information will follow regarding this residential once the deposit has been paid and we can guarantee we have sufficient interest to run the trip. Please remember that a **£50 deposit** needs to be paid via School Gateway by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Welcome Meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September and I thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Kind regards,  
Chloe Mason.