

Owl Class Newsletter

September 2016



This term's learning:

Firstly, we would like to congratulate the children for settling into Owls Class so well. We are very proud of every single one of them!

This term we will be teaching the children initial sounds or phonemes to aid their reading and writing. These will be; s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f f l l s s j v w x y z. Please help your child to recognise and read these phonemes as they see them in books, on road signs, at the shops etc. We would appreciate your help to teach these using sounds not letter names. We will be supporting the children to write these in lower case formation not in capital letters.

In mathematics we will be learning about number and counting to twenty and naming shapes. Please see if your child can identify shapes and numbers within the environment.

Getting ready for P.E

Please can we ask you to help us? We would like you to help the children in getting ready for PE by making the children try and dress themselves on their own. Could you please help your child by practising undoing and doing buttons, fastening and unfastening trousers, putting on tights or socks? In school, we try & make it fun by seeing if the children can get ready by beating the time of a clock or before a certain piece of music finishes. Good luck :o)

Our Term's topic is Animals in the Jungle.

The children will be involved in learning about animals this term. They will be looking at natural patterns such as stripes on animals, colours on tropical birds and be designing some patterns of their own.

We would be delighted if the children could design a picture or make something linked to animals and bring them into school.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 13 th September.	KM First Class Photos visiting Owl Class
Wednesday 28 th September	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 12 th October	Owl Class Harvest Festival Celebration
Friday 14 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	First day of Term 2



In the Jungle



<p><u>English</u> This term we will be using Handa’s Surprise as our Talk for Writing text and Elmer as our Power of Reading text. We have incorporated listening and speaking opportunities within these texts, securing skills in listening to stories with increasing attention. Through exploring these texts, we will be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains, to become secure in anticipating key events and be able to retell our stories. Everyone will be encouraged to enjoy an increasing range of books and learn about the importance of reading from left to right and top to bottom.</p>		<p><u>Maths</u> We will be using number names and number language spontaneously in our play. We will be learning how to recite numbers in order to 10 and know that numbers identify how many objects are in a set. We will investigate how to compare two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number. We will explore shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects. We will begin to talk about the properties of shapes of everyday objects and show an awareness of the similarities of shapes in our environment.</p>	
<p><u>The World</u> We will ask questions about aspects of our familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. We will explore some of the things we have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.</p>	<p><u>Phonics & Spelling</u> Our phonics and spelling sessions link together this term and we will be introducing Phase 2, Phase 3 phonemes and some of the high frequency words. We will also be focusing on forming the written graphemes correctly.</p>	<p><u>PSE</u> We will discuss how to be more aware of our own feelings, and begin to understand that some of our actions and words can hurt others’ feelings. We will begin to learn how to accept the needs of our peers and how to take turns and share resources.</p>	
<p><u>People and Communities</u> We will discuss some of the features of our own immediate environment and how our environments might vary to those in a hot, jungle climate.</p>	<p><u>Creative Art</u> We will be investigate and experiment using a range of materials to make collages to explore the work of Rousseau and his artworks about jungles and animals.</p>	<p><u>Expressive Art</u> We will be learning our new school song this term and also experiment how to use different body percussion to accompany songs.</p>	
<p><u>PE</u> We will be learning movement skills this term and developing our spatial awareness.</p>	<p><u>Technology</u> We have just had some new ICT equipment installed and we will be learning about how to drop and drag objects on the screen.</p>	<p><u>Events</u> On Wednesday 12th October, Owl Class will be performing a ‘Handa’s Surprise Harvest Festival assembly. Details to follow..</p>	