



# Owl news



## A very big welcome to Owls class!

What an amazing start the children made. Well done to all the children for a fantastic first week in school. It was amazing to see how many of you came into school by yourselves—well done! Welcome to all our new children and welcome back to those previously in nursery.

We send out our topic factsheet each half term to give you an outline of things that will be happening during the term. Please check school bags as we often send out additional notes as the term goes on. We also use text message as a quick way of sending messages.

Each term we base our learning and activities around a topic. The main topic is '**All about me**'. The children are encouraged to think about ideas for their learning but we will also be talking about our families, our bodies and people who help us.

Within our curriculum we also have an RE topic of the term.

The topics for this term are :

Nursery— Me and my senses

Reception - Making friends



We have milk and a piece of fruit during the school day.

During morning break toast is available . Please send in £1.25 each Monday if your child would like this.



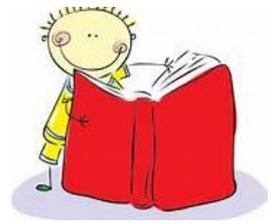
It is school policy that children also bring a named water bottle for them to access throughout the day.

The children each have their own name card to place their bottle on— many of them were fantastic at recognising their name.

## PE sessions

For this term PE will be on a Monday. Please can a named PE kit be left in school. It would be extremely helpful if you could encourage your child to have a go at dressing themselves as I'm sure you can imagine the fun we have when getting ready for PE! Nursery children will only be changing into pumps this term.

Shortly your children will be bringing a reading book home. Please share these as regularly as possible and sign the reading diary. The children will be encouraged to change their own books each morning. Over the next few weeks we will be assessing the children's reading levels.



Our class owl, Oscar, is sent home on a Friday with a different child. We would be grateful if you would write a short diary of Oscar's time with you and put in any pictures you may take. This is then shared to the class on Monday. The children love this and are always excited to see who takes him each week!!

As mentioned at our new parents evening it is important that your child's learning is extended out of school. Please complete the leaves with any wow moments or achievements your child has away from school. These are then shared with the class and put on our 'tremendous tree'. Your child will be sent home with some leaves to complete. Thank you for your support on this.

Please ensure that your child has a named coat in school each day. We are outside in all weathers and it can be quite chilly!!



Please can you ensure that all consent forms and medical forms are returned to school as soon as possible so that all our records can be updated.

We will shortly be starting daily phonic sessions in school. Please can you support your children as much as possible in this area at home. We will send home letters and keywords for the children to learn each week.

### Ideas for home

- quick recognition of letters, name the letters, find me
- Blend and read the words sent home
- Practice writing the initial letters using the cursive style—we will be sending out a sheet with this on.



Thank you for your anticipated support.

As we mentioned at our parents meeting we are available most days after school if you need to speak to us. You can also leave a note in the reading diary or email the school office. If you have any problems, big or small please let us know so we can help resolve them. Thank you.



### Dates for the term

- October 7th- Harvest service in church 2.30pm
- October 19th and 20th - Parents evening 3.40-5.30pm
- Break up for half term October 21st.