

# Welcome Back Owl Class!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery and I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. We are so excited to get started with a brand-new school year, full of enriching learning experiences and wonderful memories to be made in Owl Class.

Below, I have highlighted some important information to note about all things related to Owl Class!

- I (Miss Wade) am the class teacher in Owl Class from Monday-Thursday. Every Friday, Mrs Hayes is the acting class teacher, which releases me from class to complete responsibilities linked to my additional role as school SENDCo. Mrs Beatson is our teaching assistant and will be supporting in class every day.
- Our P.E days are going to be on Monday and Wednesday, so please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full P.E kit. Also, please ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back and earrings are removed where possible.
- It is important that your child brings in a named water bottle to keep in class each day. They will then be expected to take this home at the end of each day. In addition, please ensure your child's jumpers and cardigans are named, and their name is clear to see and is permanent. Your child will be provided with a fruit snack each day, but are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack if they wish to do so.
- Starting from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, your child will be bringing home a reading book and reading record. There is an expectation that your child should be reading their book at least 3 times at home to an adult, and this should be recorded in their reading record. A simple date, number of pages read and brief comment would be great. Please record any other books which your child is reading at home, the more the merrier! Their reading book and reading record needs to be handed back into school every Friday, in order for their book to be swapped and for us to check the number of times children are reading at home.
- Please be aware that to start the school year, your child may bring home a reading book which they have already previously read. The reason we will do this is to allow the children to rebuild their reading confidence and fluency again, after having some time away from school. Once we feel they are ready, they will then begin to progress through different books and reading levels.
- Also, starting from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, your child will be bringing home a spelling activity sheet. This sheet will include words which they would have practised within the classroom during that week. They are expected to complete their spelling sheet at home, and hand this sheet into class the following week. There is no specific day for this sheet to be handed back in, as long as it is returned by the following Friday. Please note, the words your child brings home have been specifically chosen and will be appropriate for your child's ability.
- Something new Owl Class children will be completing this year will be a weekly spelling test. The words on the spelling activity which the children will bring home each Friday, will be the words they are tested on the following Friday. Therefore, they will have a week to practise spelling these words at home before being tested at school.
- Finally, you will also be sent a copy of Owl Class's homework and curriculum map. This document outlines what areas of learning your child will be accessing this half term, as well as a selection of different homework options. Instructions for this are attached to the sheet and I can't wait to see the amazing homework pieces which are created this half term.

If you have any questions or concerns about something I have stated, please come and speak to me. I am always here to support in any way possible and I cannot wait to support your child this year in Owl Class.

Warm regards,

Miss Wade