



Owl Class Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,



I trust you all had a lovely summer and I would like to begin by welcoming you back to school and welcoming you and your child into Year 6. Being in the Owl Class is an important part of attending Intake Farm Primary and Nursery School as this is the final year of primary education before moving up to secondary school. During this year, we take on more responsibility through our roles as prefects, school councillors and eco-warriors and also strive to be the best ambassadors of the school that we can be. We also work hard throughout the year to achieve our best in our End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs).



English

This year we will be allocating some time each day to GaPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). This focused time will allow your child to become more familiar with grammatical terms in order to support them with their learning for SATs. This half term, we will be exploring a book called 'Star of Hope, Star of Fear' and we will be looking at the theme of conflict and creating our own flashback narrative.

Maths

As part of our Maths learning, we will be working to develop your child's fluency of key skills, reasoning and problem solving in Place Value and the four calculations. Each day, your child will also be completing 'Hot Spots' in Maths, which solely focuses on the four calculations, so they can become more confident when working with calculation methods. This helps to form the foundation for the Year 6 Maths curriculum.



Topic

This half term, we will begin our learning in topic with a geography topic called 'Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others?' Throughout this topic, we will be looking at the structure of the Earth, how earthquakes are caused and where they are most likely to occur and understanding how these are measured. Further details about our topic, can be found on our 'Knowledge Organiser' on the school website.

D.A.a.R.T

We have been fortunate to secure a place on the D.A.a.R.T programme for the Autumn Term.

The D.A.a.R.T programme focuses around 'Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training' and your child will be receiving a weekly session which will be delivered by myself. Your child will be learning key skills which include: understanding the need to take personal responsibility for ourselves and others; effective communication and listening; coping by dealing with pressure and stressful situations; decision making; resistance skills and the identification of risks and consequences, particularly in relation to substance abuse. Your children will also be learning about the risks and consequences of carrying knives and on dealing with difference and tolerance of others, which aims to reduce the incidence of hate crime and escalating levels of violence. If you wish to find out any more information, please refer to the following website: <https://lifskillseducation.co.uk/resources/the-daart-primary-programme/>



Science



As part of our learning in Science, we will be exploring 'Animals including Humans' and throughout this topic, we will be looking at healthy lifestyles, understanding how the circulatory system works and recognising the effects drugs and alcohol can have on our bodies. This half term's Science, will also support the learning in the D.A.a.R.T. programme.

Physical Education

We will begin this academic year focusing on 'Attacking and Defending' and 'Outdoor and adventure activities'. We will be exploring these techniques through hockey and orienteering. Our P.E. sessions will be on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** Your child should ensure they come to school wearing the correct outdoor PE kit on these days. Outdoor PE kits should consist of **blue/black shorts/jogging bottoms, white polo shirt, blue/black jacket and trainers**. Jewellery is **not permitted** during our P.E. sessions and any children wearing earrings will need to remove these as we are **unable** to cover earrings with tape. **Please note if you wish for your child not to take part in P.E. then written notification will be required as this is a compulsory part of our curriculum.**



Homework

In Year 6, it is recommended that your child completes 30 minutes of learning at home each day, which is in addition to the time they spend reading.



Homework sheet / homework book and spellings

Each week, your child will be given a piece of homework to complete which will be linked to our learning in class. These homework tasks are designed to be 'revision' activities to support your child with their understanding of key knowledge that they will need for their 'End of Key Stage 2 Assessments' in May. This homework will be issued on **Fridays** and it is expected that this is returned the following **Friday**. In addition to this, your child will also receive a weekly spelling list. This list will be on a **Friday** and your child will be tested on these the following **Friday**. These spellings will focus on the rules set out in the Year 5/6 curriculum.

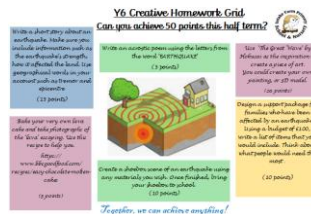
Reading

It is also recommended that your child should read a minimum of **3 times a week** in order to support their learning in school. Each day your child will bring home their reading journals and their book-banded reading book. We will be checking the reading records in school and those who are reading **3 times a week** will be given a raffle ticket to be entered into the draw to win a book from the book vending machine in school. **Please note that all comments in the reading records must be signed off by an adult at home.**



Creative Homework Grid

Your child has received a copy of this half term's 'Creative Home Grid'. This is optional but highly encouraged in Year 6 as a means of preparing your child for receiving a larger amount of homework at secondary school next year.



Important diary dates

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| 13.10.25 (Monday) | All day | Sherwood Forest Educational Visit. Please speak to the office if you have not received this letter. |
| 10.10.25 (Friday) | 9am | DaaRT Graduation Parents and carers are invited into school hall to celebrate the learning our Y6 Owls have completed throughout this programme. |
| 1.10.25 (Wednesday) 2.10.25 (Thursday) | All day | Parents' Evening Please see a member of the team if you have not received your appointment time. |
| 11.5.26 – 14.5.26 (Monday – Thursday) | N/A | SATS Week Further details will follow closer to the time. |

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of the Y6 Owls Team.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss S Brough, Mrs P Bray and Mrs A Wilkinson

Together, we can achieve anything!