



Owl Class—Year 3 & 4

Autumn Term 2025

Parent Information



Our values this term are respect, responsibility, peace and compassion.

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.

English



Recount. Using the text *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin to develop a variety of written and reading skills, leading up to a letter and recount.

Fiction. Studying *Winter's Child* by Graham Baker-Smith, a range of skills are developed leading to the children writing a fantasy story based on a fable.

Poetry. Analysing a range of poems including *The Shell* by John Foster and understand arrange of different poetic features. Use these to write a senses poem about the sea.



Science

Light and Electricity

We will explore natural and created light. We will learn about shadows and how light travels. We will also learn about electricity - exploring how electricity is generated and how it travels. We will investigate sustainable electricity for the future and how it is produced.



Maths

We will be learning about the place value of numbers with up to 5 digits, how to add and subtract using written methods, how to calculate the area of shapes, and how to multiply and divide mentally (times tables) and using written methods. We will deepen our understanding of these concepts through a range of reasoning and problem solving activities.



History

World War II

We will learn when and why World War II began, find out about the key individuals and countries involved, discover what it was like for people on the home front, about the roles and responsibilities of the men and women who served in the British armed forces, explore the significance of the Battle of Britain and participate in wartime songs, dances and games.

Art

European Art

We will practise and refine our art skills by learning about different European artists and their influences.



RE

We will be considering the following questions:

What are the deeper meanings of religious festivals?

How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?



Geography

We will be learning about the UK. This will include the countries that make up the UK and different natural and human geographical features.



DT

Battery Operated Lights

We will design and make a battery operated light which will be controlled by a homemade switch.



PSHE

Diverse Britain

Understanding what democracy, liberty, rules and laws are. Understanding diversity and what it means to be British.

Think Positive

Managing emotions, taking responsibility and developing a growth mind-set.

Computing



We will learn about coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

French

We will learn how to give verbal introductions, greetings, following instructions and basic daily conversational language. We will also practice French language phonemes.

PE

We will focus on Netball, Tag Rugby, Handball and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

Music

Inspiring Music

We will learn how to play the P-Buzz, an instrument similar to a trumpet.



Staff

Owl Class will be taught by Mr Teague.

Reading

Every child will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and a library book.

Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small group and sometimes as a whole class activity. They will have the opportunity to change their book on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our weekly library slot will be a **Thursday**. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.



Home Learning

Home Learning in Owl Class consists of:

- Reading 5 times a week at home.
- Practising spellings from the vocabulary list sent home at the start of every half term.
- Using Times Table Rockstars 3 times per week.

We do not expect families to do extra home learning at home. However, if you wish to find out more about the topics overleaf, please do so. Some examples of activities that you may wish to do are:

- Creating artwork using leaves or other natural materials.
- Writing a story together using themes from our books in English.

Daily routines



Children should arrive on the playground by 8:45am. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and start the morning activity. The register will close at 9am.

PE kit

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their full PE kit. This helps us make the most of lesson time. Please ensure that your child is in the correct kit as follows:

Navy or black shorts only, Round neck t-shirt in house colours.

Trainers for Y1-4 .

Black or navy tracksuit bottoms and hoodie/jumper may be worn for outdoor PE.



Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. The bottles will be sent home for washing every Friday and should be returned on Monday morning.

Morning snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.



First aid



If your child has a head bump, they will be given a wristband to wear and they will receive an incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.