

Welcome to Owls

2024-25



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be teaching your child this academic year and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Please find below some helpful information which will hopefully clarify any questions you may have.

Staffing:

Class teachers: Miss Roberts (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) & Mrs Trevor (Weds)

Teaching assistant: Mrs Plant (Mon, Tues and Wed mornings) & Miss Dias (Thurs and Fri mornings)

**Year 3 - Maths will be taught by Mr Lawford and Science/Spellings will be taught by Mrs Trevor.*

What does my child need to bring?:

-All stationery your child requires will be provided by the school.




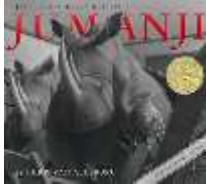





Each day, your child will need:










-water bottle/lunch -waterproof coat -reading record and book -fruit snack

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

PE days will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on these days.

What will my child be learning? Autumn Curriculum Coverage:

Maths	<p>Place Value - to ten thousand (Year 4) and one thousand (Year 3)</p> <p>Addition and subtraction - four-digit numbers (Year 4) and three-digit numbers (Year 3)</p> <p>Calculating area (Year 4)</p> <p>Multiplication and division - multiplication facts up to 12x12 (Year 4) and x3, x4 and x8 (Year 3)</p> <div>    </div>		
English	<p><u>Autumn 1</u></p> <p>Character descriptions linked to 'Jumanji' by Chris Van Allsburg and setting descriptions linked to 'The Dinosaur Next Door' by David Litchfield</p> <p>Recounts linked to our educational visit</p> <div>   </div>	<p><u>Autumn 2</u></p> <p>Non-chronological reports</p> <p>Narrative linked to Paddington (problem, resolution and ending)</p> 	
Whole Class Reading	<p>Secret Seven by Enid Blyton</p> 	<p>Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo</p> 	<p>A Bear Called Paddington By Michael Bond</p> 

Love to Read			
Religious Education	Autumn 1 Creation/Fall: What do Christians learn from the Creation story?		
Science	Autumn 1 Year 4 - Animals including humans Year 3 - Rocks	Autumn 2 Year 4 - Sound Year 3 - Light	
Geography and History	(Autumn 1) Roman Britain		Earthquakes (Autumn 2) Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others?
Music	Owls will be taking part in a 10-week 'Musicianship Programme' organised through Dorset Music Service and will be learning the ukulele. At the end of this programme, the children perform a short concert where they will showcase their learning. Once a date has been confirmed, a letter will be sent with this information.		
P.E	Wednesday: BRS Coaching Tag Rugby		Friday: Wimborne Tennis Club
Art	3-D shape and shade Drawing How can a 2-D image be made to look like 3-D?		
Design technology	Textiles - Cross-stitch and appliqué - (Autumn 2) The children will design and make their own cushions.		
Computing	Autumn 1 Online Safety Purple Mash Logo		Autumn 2 Programming Sequencing Sounds
PSHE	Autumn 1 <u>Me and My Relationships</u> -Co-operation -Feelings -Friendship		Autumn 2 <u>Valuing Differences</u> -Understanding and challenging stereotypes
French	On y va! All aboard The children will recap French greetings, numbers, weather and will begin to learn phrases linked to transport and travel.		

How can I help at home?

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Please sign their reading log to detail what they have been reading. These will be collected in on a Monday. We encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week and will be continuing with the 'Wild about Reading' challenge this year.



Spellings:

Your child will be assessed on their spellings on a Tuesday and their new list will be shared on the same day. The list will comprise of eight words: six spelling pattern words and two Yr3/4 common exception words. Your child will bring their first set of spellings home on Tuesday 10th September 2024.

Times table practice:

Your child has a Times Table Rock Star (TTRS) login to practise their times table facts. Please encourage your child to practise as frequently as possible. Weekly competitions will be set up with the opportunity to be awarded certificates.



*Please note if your child is in Year 4, they will sit a statutory times table assessment in June 2024 which will assess their recall of times table facts up to 12x12. More information to follow.

Class Dojo:

Your child should be assigned to Owls on Class Dojo for the new academic year. We look forward to continuing to use this platform to share your child's learning and celebrate their successes!



Volunteers:

If you are able to kindly offer your time, please let me know.

Educational Visits:

During the year, we will be planning some exciting trips for your child. This half term, Year 4 will have the opportunity of visiting Salisbury Cathedral to participate with the DSAT iSingPop Concert. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd October. Please look out for a separate letter with more information regarding this visit. Despite Year 3 children not being involved in the final concert, all children from Owls will complete the iSingPop Rehearsal Day on Tuesday 24th September where they will be taught a number of different songs and dances. This Rehearsal Day will take place at Trinity C.E. First School in Verwood and to make this workshop possible, we kindly ask for your assistance in providing transport to and from Trinity. Please refer to the separate letter that you will have also received today about this.

To support our learning on the Romans, Owls will be visiting the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne on Thursday 3rd October. Again, please look out for the separate trip letter with details about this visit. If you would be available to kindly volunteer to support with this visit, please let me know.

Please note that the details of the Year 4 residential to Hooke Court (Wednesday 7th May - Friday 9th May 2025) will also be shared shortly.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Parent consultation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October and Monday 7th October. This will provide an excellent opportunity to share how your child has settled in. I hope you will be able to attend. However, in the meantime, should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Best wishes,

Miss Laura Roberts