



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school and to Owls Class! I hope you have all had a very happy, restful summer holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting learning year ahead.

Firstly, I would like to remind you that classes will be separated for English and Mathematics, with Mrs Taylor teaching English to Owls and Peregrine Class and I will be teaching Mathematics. This will be for five mornings a week.

Our topic this term is called 'It's All Greek to Me!' and is related to Ancient Greece and the history of the Olympic games. Our Science focuses will be Humans and Animals which will be linked to our research on the Olympics and keeping our bodies healthy. On the back of this letter there is a curriculum overview for the autumn term.

Homework (English and Mathematics) will be set on a Friday for completion by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However, if they do need support please advise them to come and see their teacher before the hand in day.

In addition to the weekly homework, children should read at home on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). It is important to discuss what your child has read to develop their comprehension skills. You will find a copy of the reading objectives for your child inside the front cover of their reading log, which is there to provide you with guidance as to the expectation of the skills your child is working towards achieving. In order for us to monitor your child's reading, please sign their reading log each time you hear them read and write a comment to indicate how well they did or how well they were able to discuss what they read.

With the increased expectation of the new curriculum, there is a focus on quick recall of all times table facts up to 12 x 12 and an expectation that children have a bank of known key facts which they can recall instantly. Each half term we will have a different focus on a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and a copy will be sent home. Please spend some time each week helping your child to learn these facts as well as their times tables as these skills will be invaluable to their progress and ability to apply their maths skills.

P.E kit will be required for on a Wednesday afternoon, however their full PE kit should be in school at all times as we sometimes have PE lessons on different days. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit for lessons and all items of uniform and kit are labelled. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed.

On a Thursday afternoon, the children will have a Forest School lesson/s. A separate letter will detail which dates your child will be involved in forest school and clothing they need to wear.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working together. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment through the office.

Thank you and kind regards  
Mrs Jones