

All About Me!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all our new Reception children in Owls Class!

We have loved beginning to get to know them and watching them start to settle into school life. They really are a lovely bunch! There's so much to take on board when starting a new school, so here's a little list to help:



Outdoor Clothing: Please can your child bring in a pair of **named wellies** and **named waterproof top and bottoms** for our 'Welly Wednesdays'. As the weather gets cooler, please also send your child in with **warm layers and a coat**. Lots of their play takes place outside, and we don't want them to get cold!



Bags: Ideally, everyone should have a **school bookbag** (no rucksacks please). It would also be great if PE kits could be sent in a small draw-string kit bag.



Underwear: We have our very own toilets in the Owls classroom, which children can use at any point during the day. They will also be reminded regularly to go to the toilet. As children settle into their new environment and become busy having lots of fun, we often find that there are a few more accidents than usual. If you think your child may need a change of clothes, please pack some **spare underwear and bottoms** in their bag, just in case!



Snacks - All children in Owls get one free daily snack such as raisins, bananas or carrots. Please do not bring in any additional snacks for your child.



Milk: We offer fresh milk through the Cool Milk scheme. Milk is free for children until their 5th birthday. After this, parents can choose to continue ordering milk through the scheme. Please register your child online at www.coolmilk.com if you would like them to take part.



PE: PE takes place on **Wednesdays**. Your child's PE kit can stay in school for the duration of each half term. Please remove earrings on PE days and ensure **all items of clothing are named**. Hair should be tied up every day, and especially on PE days, please.



Book and Biscuit: The rest of the school will begin book and biscuit in September. In Owls, we begin book and biscuit **after Christmas** to allow the children time to transition first.

Reading & Phonics	Maths - KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts)
 Soon, children will bring home flashcards to practise their sounds. When they are ready, they will also bring home blending books. Please practise their sounds or read with them daily and record this in their reading record. We listen to children read throughout the week, so please make sure their book and reading record are in their book bag every day. Each week, we count home reads, and children who have five or more are entered into our raffle to win a book!	 Each half term, you will receive a KIRFs sheet designed to support the development of the key arithmetic skills that underpin all maths learning in school. KIRFs help children develop their mental maths skills, fluency and confidence. Please use the ideas provided to practise the KIRF with your child throughout the half term.

Parent Voice: **Our door is always open.** If you have any concerns or would like to chat about your child, please do pop in. Arranging a time in advance is always preferable. We kindly ask that conversations take place after school rather than in the morning, as settling the children into school is our key priority at the start of the day.

Many thanks,

Mrs Tyman and Mrs Thornton