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Owls Autumn Term letter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Owls Class. We hope your summer was great and that many of you were able to get away on a much awaited holiday. We are all really looking forward to the term ahead with your children and have lots of exciting learning lined up!

Class teachers this year are Mrs Clutton and Mrs Nicholson-Smith, with Mrs Few Mr Pedder and Mrs Strong as our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Talbot will also be teaching the children RE once a week too.

This term we hope to be off to a 'flying start' with learning, however we will settle all the children back in, establish/re-establish relationships, routines, rules and behaviour expectations. Ensuring the children feel happy and confident is really important to us all at Benwick and PSHE is high on our list of priorities. We want our classroom to be a positive, happy environment where the children will feel confident and excited to learn. We will be encouraging the children to talk to us at the start of the day if they have any concerns and teachers will be on the playground at the start and end of every day and would be pleased to hear from you if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Please help your child make the best start to the new school year by ensuring they have all the things they need each day, including correct uniform and a water bottle, all of which should be **clearly named**. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to name clothing! We have a lot of green jumpers in school and if all items are named, it is much easier for them to be returned to the correct child. Children should not bring in any toys including teddies or balls from home.

Snacks:

Breaktime snacks are encouraged, these should be healthy, for example fruit or plain cereal bars. Chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps, sweets including peppermints are not allowed. Please remember we are a **nut free school** due to children with serious allergies. Please note that children in key stage 2 are not provided with the free fruit as in key stage 1. This will need to be provided from home.

Reading book arrangements:

Your child will be given one accelerated reader book or Read Write Inc book at a time. These will be changed and monitored regularly by staff. Children reading AR books will be able to quiz in school to gain points towards their AR target once they have read their book. They will then be able to change their book. The target is set by Accelerated Reader according to



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each child's individual reading level. Once they achieve their target, they will receive a certificate.

Children will also have access to the library from where their choices will be scanned out so that they can borrow beautiful books to share with you at home. It is important that these books are returned and scanned back into the library. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter prior to fines being issued

PE arrangements:

Our class PE/Games sessions are on Thursday and Friday with Premier Sports coaches. Please make sure children have their **named** PE kit in school all week – this should be a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings, with tracksuit bottoms in cooler weather and trainers. Football strips and multi-coloured t-shirts and shorts are not permitted.

Homework expectations:

Our basic homework expectations for children are:

Daily reading - minimum of 15 minutes – please record when you have heard them read in their reading record.

Spelling – spellings are given out on a Monday and are tested the following Monday. Please help your child to learn these at home, little and often is best.

Times tables/Counting - All children will be given login details to access TT Rockstars.

However, oral counting, chanting and testing of number facts works best, so the children have rapid recall of these facts which greatly improves their ability to access mathematics across the curriculum – number games in the supermarket can be fun or on car journeys can be a useful way to pass the time.

Contacting us:

We value a close relationship with parents and Carers, so if you have anything to share with us, including worries or concerns, please do get in touch. We are available in the mornings and at home time on the playground, via dojo messaging or email (please email the school office office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk).

We are greatly looking forward to working with you and your children.

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Mrs Clutton, Mrs Nicholson-Smith & the Owls Team