



## Owls Class Parent Update Spring 1 2023

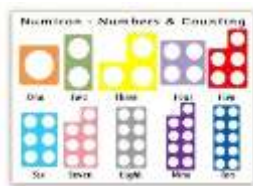
Welcome back to the start of the Spring term.  
I hope you had a lovely Christmas and managed to spend time with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who has shared an update on Tapestry, I love to see all the different things you have been up to. We have lots of learning planned for this term and I look forward to sharing this with you on Tapestry.



### Who were the Romans?

Our topic this half term is all about The Romans and we have launched our topic by making a time machine to go back in time. We will be looking at a map to see where the Romans came from and the extent of the Roman Empire. We will make a simple time line to show how long ago the Roman invasion was and look at some pictures of Roman buildings that we can still visit today. The children will be learning about the Roman army and making a replica shield. Some of our art work will also be about The Romans, including mosaic making.



### Maths and English

In Maths we will continue to use Numicon to extend our number range to 20 and beyond. We are investigating teen numbers and using numicon and number rods to represent these numbers. We will consolidate our calculation skills and look at multiplication, introducing the 2x table this term. Some of us are very confident with our number work and are learning place value and calculation skills with 2 and 3 digit numbers .



In English, we will be looking at a variety of narratives. The children will be listening, discussing and predicting story endings and writing alternative endings. We will be using the lovely book 'Owl Babies' later in the term.

Different activities to support us to develop our phonological awareness are incorporated into our individual tasks each day. We play different listening games and listen to rhymes and try to isolate the initial phonemes that we hear in a word. Some of us are getting very quick at sequencing the alphabet arc and we need to learn the letter names and letter sounds to do this quickly.



#### Science and PHSE

We are going to be learning about being healthy and eating a healthy diet. We will be tasting new foods and talking about the importance of looking after our teeth. We will also be investigating the effect of exercise on our bodies and checking our heart rate after we have been very physically active.

#### Important Reminders about Owl Class

FOREST SCHOOL- Our outdoor learning time is Thursday afternoon. We will be going outside throughout the year in all weathers. Your child will need a full set of waterproofs (trousers and coat) and boots as an essential. Please send these in if you have not already done so. It is best if these can be left in school, so they are available for those unexpected rainy days! They will also need a change of clothes, including socks as these tend to get very wet!

PE - We have PE on Friday morning. This half term we are outside focusing on ball skills. It is really important that the children have

tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt and a sweatshirt to change into, as well as a pair of trainers.

**LABELLING** - Please label ALL items of clothing and personal belongings. We encourage the children to undress and dress themselves so this can be really helpful to make sure each child is wearing the correct clothing.

Snack time - we have time each morning for a snack so please bring this into school with you if you would like a snack each day. We have a snack basket in class which the children can put their food choices into. We are trying to support our 'healthy eating topic' by trying different healthy snacks together at snack time.

Thank you for all your support this term. We are looking forward to another super half term with your children.

*Ms Allen and Miss Griggs*