



Owl Class



Spring 1, 2026 Year One Newsletter



Welcome back to spring term, we hope you have had a lovely break! We have enjoyed hearing all about Christmas and the lovely things that you have been up to. Owl Class have settled back to school really well and we have already done some fabulous learning. As always, our door is always open so if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28th January
Battle of Towton visit –
further information to
follow.

Friday 6 February, 6pm –
Parent Event – Curry and
Quiz

Friday 13th February –
Break up
for half term holiday.

Uniform

Please make sure your
child has a hat and gloves
whilst the weather is so
cold.

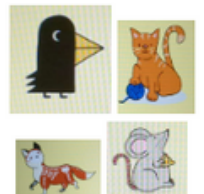
Please also make sure that
your child has wellies in
school for when we go on
the field for OPAL.

Please make sure all
jumpers, hoodies and
cardigans are clearly
labelled.

What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave'. As part of our Local History we are looking forward to a visit from a member of the Towton Battlefield Society to bring our Battle of Towton topic to life. In DT, we will be designing and making a shelter for soldiers. In Science, we will be learning about different materials and investigating which material would be the strongest and most waterproof to make a shelter for a (toy) soldier. In English we will be continuing our exciting 'Curious Quests' adventures enjoying a different wonderful book each week and meeting the Faithful Friends.

Some of our focus texts are:



PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit every **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**

Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements.

Reading books are changed each Monday and children visit the library on a Friday.

Homework

Our weekly homework expectation is for your child to: Complete at least 10 minutes a week on Numbots.

Complete the weekly assignments set on Spelling Shed.

Read their school reading book daily with an adult.

'Little and often is best'.

Phonics

This half term we will be teaching the next phase of Phase 5 sounds. We will update you regularly on our teaching of phonics and how you can support your child at home through the green challenge books. Please check these regularly for updates. We will be sending home a list of all the Year 1 tricky words.

It is important that your child is able to sight read these words. Please help your child to practise reading them at home. If your child is able to read these words on sight, please begin to practise spelling them.

This half term's tricky words
any, many, again, who, whole, where, two, school, call,
different, thought, through, friend, work.

Maths

This half term we will continue with place value within 20. We will then move on to addition and subtraction within 20 and measurement.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are to know doubles and halves of numbers to 10

Our Christian Values this half term are

Community and Thankfulness

We nurture a strong sense of belonging and encourage active participation in our school community. We teach children the importance of gratitude, appreciating the contributions of others, and giving back.



Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16
Best wishes from Mrs Slater, Mrs Poskitt,
Mrs Darnton and Mrs Ellison