



Owl Class



Summer 1, 2026 Year One Newsletter

Welcome back to summer term! We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to catch us at the door or email the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our door is always open!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd April -

World Earth Day

Thursday 23rd April - Parent and child OPAL afternoon

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday

Friday 22nd May - School training day

W/C 9th June - Phonics

Screening Week

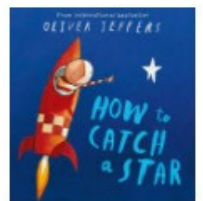
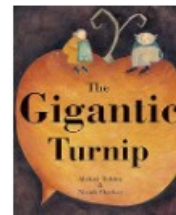
Reminders

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day

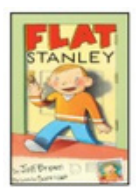
What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'How does your garden grow?' In Science, we will be looking at the world around us and learning about plants and trees. We will be growing cress, broad beans and sunflower seeds. In English, we will be continuing our Curious Quests Adventures using some of the books below. In Design and Technology, we will be designing, making and evaluating our very own bog babies from felt. We will also be observing and describing the weather associated with spring and how day length varies from season to season.

Our focus texts are:



Our class novels are:



Our Values for this half term are

Perseverance and Respect

We empower children to face challenges with determination, learn from their mistakes, and never give up, We also teach the valuable lesson of forgiveness, encouraging understanding and reconciliation.

PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**.

Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements.

Things to remember

Every Monday:-

- Book Changing Day - send books to be changed.
- Bring in Challenge books.

Every Thursday:-

- Return library books to be changed.

Homework

Our weekly homework expectation is for your child to:

Complete a minimum of 10 minutes a week on



Complete the 5 assignments set weekly on



Read their school reading book 3 times a week with an adult.

'Little and often is best'

Phonics

This half term, we will continue to learn new phase 5 alternative sounds and spellings. We will also be recapping all phases of phonics in preparation for phonics screening in June. Reading and spelling of all Reception and Year 1 words will also be a big focus in preparation for Year 2. We are currently doing assessments and will send details of ways you can help your child over the next couple of weeks.

Challenge Books

Challenge books will be sent home each Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. In the lead up to Phonics Screening W/C 9th June the main focus will be to practise reading real and alien words.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will also be finding out about fractions, position and direction.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are:

To know odd & even numbers to 20

To count in 2's to 20, 5's to 50 and 10's to 100

Challenge Books

To support your child's maths learning, we will be sending home additional maths activities to help them practise their Key Instant Recall Facts.

From Mrs Slater, Mrs Darnton, Mrs Parnaby
and Mrs Ellison

