



Owls Curriculum Information Spring 2022

Happy New Year to you all. The children have all come back refreshed and ready for a busy term.

Each term we will send home a brief overview of our learning and any information we would like to share with you.

Things I need in school

Your child will need:

- named water bottle filled with water only
- suitable coat that is easy to put on and fasten
- a small book bag (we have limited storage space)

Please leave any toys at home in case they get lost or broken.

Family Learning

Please continue to complete the activities set on Seesaw with your child. These short activities will support our learning in the classroom. Please post any work or comments on Seesaw for us to reply to. If you are unsure of your login codes please ask. We use Seesaw to send announcements and messages so please check it regularly.

We will also use this to ask for evidence of things your child might be doing at home that we may not see in school - for example, aspects of physical development. This helps us to gain a holistic picture of your child. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading Books

We will be changing reading books each Monday. Please ensure that you record books read in the diary and send in every week for us to change.

Reception children will bring home a decodable book which they will be able to read as it will contain sounds your child recognises confidently and can decode. Please read this each night to develop their confidence in reading and fluency. They will also bring home a book to snuggle up and enjoy together.

Nursery children will bring home a story book to share with a grown up. Have fun sharing it together and discussing the pictures.

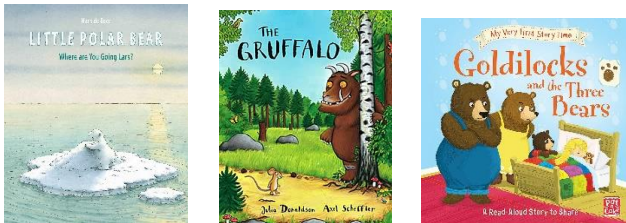
Reception children will also have sounds and words sent home as they are taught in school. Please go over these with your child regularly so they begin to name and recognise the sounds.

We are here!!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can message through Seesaw or email via the office office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk We will get back to you as soon as we can either with a message or phone call if required.

Mrs Owen & Miss Johnson

Our Learning in Owls – Spring 2022

Topic	Focus Texts	Rationale
Winter and Traditional Tales	<p>Little Polar Bear, The Gruffalo and Goldilocks and The Three Bears.</p> 	<p>Through our learning about Winter, we make comparisons between different places and talk about the seasons. Through reading traditional stories, we develop our confidence in retelling and making up our own stories using appropriate vocabulary.</p>
Communication and Language	We will be developing our listening skills and learning to follow instructions. We will listen and join in with regular Storytime.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	At the start of the new term, we will be reminding ourselves of why we need to be kind and play nicely together. We will discuss the importance of handwashing and personal hygiene.	
RHE	Theme – Keeping Healthy	
Physical Development	This term we will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills using a range of one-handed tools including pencils, scissors and hammers. We will also be developing our gross motor movements in gymnastics.	
Literacy	<p>Nursery will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them by writing a shopping list. We will be exploring print in the environment and sharing lots of stories and rhymes.</p> <p>Reception will be using their phonic knowledge to write simple words and short captions. We will be using our writing skills to label the Gruffalo, make a poster and write a letter of apology.</p>	
Mathematics	<p>Nursery will learn about weight and complete practical number activities.</p> <p>Reception will follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. This term we are focusing on numbers to 8. We will be combining amounts and looking at how each number</p>	

	can be made up. We will also be comparing mass, capacity, height and length.
Understanding the World	<p>As part of our learning about Winter through the text 'Little Polar Bear,' we will be finding out about cold countries and exploring different ways to melt ice.</p> <p>When reading 'The Gruffalo' we will make our own maps of the Gruffalo's walk through the woods.</p> <p>In February, we will be learning about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated.</p> <p>In making Goldilocks' porridge, we will observe how materials change.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	As artists, we will draw our own polar bears and Gruffalo pictures. We will be acting out our stories using props and repeated refrains from each story.
RE	<p>Nursery: Special objects</p> <p>Reception: What can we learn from stories?</p>

Can you practise these at home?

Nursery	Reception
<p>Getting dressed by yourselves.</p> <p>Fastening your coat to keep warm.</p> <p>Writing your name holding a pencil correctly.</p> <p>Sharing your special books and talk about what is happening.</p> <p>Learning different nursery rhymes.</p>	<p>Learning your sounds and key words.</p> <p>Helping to write a shopping list.</p> <p>Making up your own stories using your favourite toys.</p> <p>Drawing your favourite toys looking carefully at detail.</p> <p>Fastening your coat to keep warm.</p>



Useful websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - for fun phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> - for fun maths activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> - to consolidate our

work in Early number