



## Autumn 1 2023 Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Owls!

What a fabulous start to the school year. All the children have settled brilliantly into school. It has been lovely seeing their happy, smiling faces each day.

Each term we will send home a brief overview of our learning and details of other things we need to share with you. Please check Seesaw and school bags regularly as we do sometimes send notes home.

Things your child needs each day in school:

- named water bottle filled with water
- suitable coat
- a piece of fruit for snack if they wish (toast is available to purchase via SchoolMoney)

### Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is carefully planned to ensure your child meets the Early Learning Goals at the end of their Reception Year. Further information on the Early Learning Goals will be sent home shortly. If you would like to find out more about the framework, please follow the link:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

### Activities for Home

We do occasionally set activities for you to complete with your child at home. These will consolidate our learning in school and will be set on Seesaw as an activity or sent home as a short task. Please support your child with these and post their work or comments on Seesaw for us to reply to.

### Reading in Owls

Children will bring home books to share each week. These are changed each Monday. Your child will have their own reading diary for you to record the books read in.

Nursery children will bring home a story book to share with a grown up. Encourage your child to talk about and discuss the pictures.

Reception children will bring home picture books to begin with. Please encourage them to talk about the pictures in their books and answer questions relating to these. As we begin our phonics' sessions and the children build up a knowledge of letter sounds, we will send home decodable books. Please keep re-reading these over the week to develop their reading fluency. They will also bring home a book to share with an adult.

Your child will read to an adult at least once a week. At the start of their reading journey, we will be using picture books to discuss what is happening before we introduce books linked to our phonics with decodable words.

Reception children will also bring home a phonics' keyring. Each week we will send home the new sounds taught in school. Please practise these regularly.

### **Baseline Assessment**

We will be carrying out our own teacher assessments over the next few weeks. We will also be completing the DFE Baseline with our Reception children. This is a short interactive assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematical skills when they begin school. It is completed by the class teacher and measures progress from Reception to Year 6. If you wish to read more about the baseline please follow the link below:

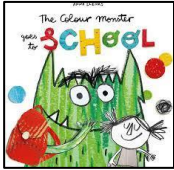
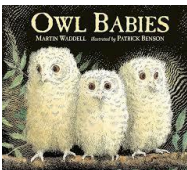


<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

### **Keeping in Touch**

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 us through Seesaw or email through the office [office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk](mailto: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***

## Autumn 1 – Curriculum Information

Topic	Focus Texts	Rationale
Getting to Know You	   	<p>As we get to know our new starters this term, we have chosen the theme ‘Getting to Know You’.</p> <p>We talk about our families and homes. We will also find out who helps us in school and go for a walk around the local area. We also celebrate Harvest.</p>
Communication and Language	We will be developing our listening skills and beginning to follow simple instructions. We will listen and join in with regular Storytime. We will be learning new vocabulary.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	At the start of our busy year, we will be learning the class rules and making lots of new friends. We also learn the importance of looking after things and keeping our classroom tidy.	
RHE	Theme – Who Helps Us?	
Physical	This term we will learning the correct way to hold one handed tools including: scissor; tweezers; pencils and cutlery. We will also be developing our gross motor movements by moving in different ways in gymnastics.	
Literacy	<p>Nursery- will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them. They will be focusing on the key concepts of print and sharing lots of stories. They will take part in Level 1 Phonics.</p> <p>Reception – will be learning individual letters during daily phonics’ sessions and starting to write them. They will be learning to blend sounds to read words. Drawing Club will be used as an engaging activity to develop their writing skills. Stories will be used as a stimulus to draw pictures, adding letters when they are ready.</p>	
Mathematics	<p>Nursery- We will complete practical activities learning about colour, matching and sorting. We will also be learning some counting rhymes.</p> <p>Reception – We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. Our topics this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching, Sorting and Comparing</li> <li>• Measure and Patterns</li> </ul>	
Understanding the World	<p>We will be talking about our families and finding out about who helps us in school. We will go on a village walk and then compare it to London. As the seasons change, we will talk about Autumn and the changes we see. We will be exploring forces using magnets. We will take part in the Harvest Service at church. We will make our own dough after sharing the story of ‘The Little Red Hen’.</p>	
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>We will be learning to draw our self-portraits using mirrors to look closely at our features. We will explore colour mixing and learn to use paintbrushes correctly. We will join in with lots of songs and rhymes.</p>	
RE	Nursery- Me and My Senses	

## Some activities for your child to try at home....

Practise using one handed tools. Can your child hold their scissors correctly? Can they cut out shapes to make a picture?



Encourage your child to get dressed by themselves. Can they put their own coat on ready for school?



Taking turns and playing games. Have fun playing your favourite games and completing puzzles.



Autumn walks.

Can you go on a walk and find some conkers and cones? Have fun jumping in the leaves.



Reception – can you go on a letter hunt? How many objects can you find beginning with a sound you have learnt?

Can you write the letter in sand, flour or mud? Try using a pencil too!



### 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