



Owl, Hawk and Falcon Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer break and are ready for an exciting new term. The children have already begun to settle into their classes brilliantly. It has been great to see what a confident and independent start they have made, coming into class and taking care of all their belongings.

In order to comply with Covid-19 safety measures, please do not enter the school building before or after school but encourage your child to come in independently and pass on any messages to their class teacher themselves. If you need to get an urgent message to one of the teaching team, please contact the school office who will be happy to pass the information on for you or contact the Year 3/4 team by email at:

lowerkeystage2wo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk.

Our topic this term is 'The Ancient Egyptians.' The children will be learning all about the history of this ancient civilisation and its achievements, with a particular focus on the importance of the River Nile. Reading and Literacy will run alongside our topic; we will be focusing on setting description, letter and newspaper writing. Maths for year 3 and 4 this term will be place value where children learn to read, write, represent, compare and order numbers to 1000 for year 3 and 10000 for year 4.

PE

On days your child has PE (see below), they **must come to school in the correct kit**. School uniform should not be worn on these days and is not needed in school.

PE kit consists of:

- A green T-shirt.
- Black shorts.
- Suitable trainers for outdoor wear

Children should also have a jumper or hoody and coat to be worn when outside.

PE Days

Hawks – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Falcons – Mondays and Wednesdays

Owls – Tuesdays and Fridays

Bags

All children should bring their book bags, or a named school bag, into school **every day**. In addition to transporting their reading and spelling books, they are used to take letters, work and certificates home.

Spellings

Please ensure that your child brings their spelling book to school **every day**. It is especially important that they bring their book to receive new spellings and so that they can do their spelling test in them.

Reading books and diaries

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school **every day**. In KS2, these reading diaries should be brought into class each morning and are checked daily and are used to communicate to parents. To make good progress with their reading, it is essential that your child reads at least 5 times a week to an adult at home. Please write your comments about your child's reading in the reading record.

Mathletics

Children receive set activities chosen carefully by the teacher to be completed each week. These are set on Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Please support your child with practising times tables facts for their weekly test.

Items from home

Please do not allow your child to bring any additional items from home – fiddle toys, soft toys etc. Only individual hand gel should be brought into school for children with specific allergies. We provide suitable hand gel for all pupils.

Thank you for your supporting your child at home with their learning.

Mrs Conway, Mr Woods (Falcons), Miss Rawcliffe (Hawks) and Miss Kellock (Owls).