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Wonders of the World/Joys of China

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the Spring term from the Owls team!

We hope you find this class letter informative. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries using our Class Dojo or Email at school. Please contact the school office if you need to pass on messages throughout the day, e.g- change of adult picking up. The school office will then let us know. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office.

PE

The children’s PE day will continue to be on a Friday. We request that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of black or red jogging bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers. They will not need to change back into their uniform so there is no need to send this in as well. The focus in PE for this term will be gym and dance, alongside this we will continue to develop the fundamental skills of movement, balance, coordination, flexibility and agility.

Reading

The children’s reading is progressing well, with some strong sound recognition and blending skills. The more they practice these skills the more fluent your child will become at decoding words, this then allows them to develop their comprehension skills. Try to make reading a part of your daily routine, finding a time that this fits in with your schedules at home. This could be when you first get home from school or after dinner. Record this is in your child’s yellow reading record, for it to be counted towards awards and certificates. We have had a number of reading books damaged due to water bottle leakage. Please don’t put your child’s bottle inside their book bag.

Phonics

The children have made good progress in our RWI programme. We will be continuing to develop oral blending skills (Fred Talk) and using these skills to help spell words (using Fred Fingers). The Year One children are encouraged to read through their green words and perhaps start writing a short diary every night at home (practising their sentence skills). They have also been given spellings each week and maths homework to complete for Miss Cook.

I have included a copy of our Curriculum Rolling Programme with this letter. This details our Foundation subjects that are covered. May I also refer you to our school website, which has more detailed plans.

Many thanks

Mrs Jo Griffiths

Owls Class teacher