

### Term 1

#### Key dates

Wednesday 11th  
September 9am and  
5pm

English Secrets 'How  
to Give Your Child an  
Educational  
Advantage  
Equivalent to Over  
One Year's  
Schooling' Parent  
Workshop

Tuesday 24th  
September 9am

How to use the  
Tapestry App: our  
online learning  
journals

Wednesday 2nd  
October

Trip to St George's  
Park to look for signs  
of autumn

Wednesday 9th  
October 9am and 5pm

'Fluency in Maths'  
Parent Workshop

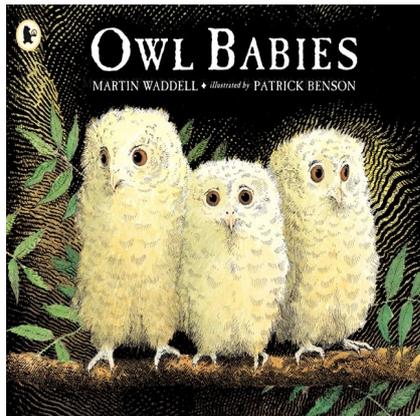
Friday 18th October

Last day of term  
3.30pm finish

A very warm welcome to all our children and families in the Reception classes. We have had a wonderful start to the year, and are very proud of the progress the children are already making.

This term our primary focus is to settle the children into Reception, and develop the behaviours that are necessary for successful learning. We have some important class rules that the children have been learning:

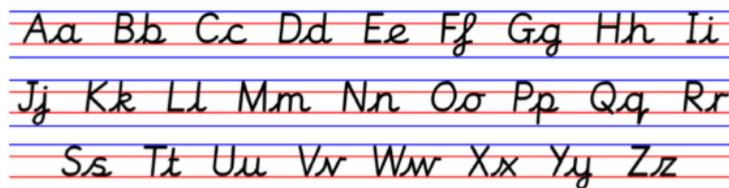
1. *I have kind hands, kind feet and kind words.*
2. *I use a quiet voice.*
3. *I use walking feet inside.*
4. *I take care of our things and tidy up.*
5. *I listen to the person who is talking.*



#### English

This term our topic is 'My Family and Me'. We will be talking about families, and what makes us unique. Our focus story will be *Owl Babies*.

We will begin to practise pencil control, and to improve fine motor skills. When the children begin to write, we teach them to use pre-cursive script. Please support your child to write their name in pre-cursive writing at home and during morning soft start.



**Activities at home:** develop fine motor skills (finger muscles) through colouring within the lines; moulding play dough; threading beads; playing with Lego, and practising letter formation.

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#### REMINDERS

As the weather becomes cooler, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in school: coats, hats, gloves and scarves. We use the outside wild garden in all weathers, so please make sure your child is prepared.

Please read at home with your child every day! Ask them key comprehension questions, and model using phonics to read words.

#### Reading

We learn to read using phonics, and these lessons will begin shortly. Soon we will be sending home levelled reading books, a story book and a reading log. Each week we will visit our school library on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure books are returned this day, so we can send new ones home. If books are not returned on **Tuesday**, you will need to wait until the following to



receive new ones.

**Activities at home:** read with your child each day for 5-10 minutes and record this in their log. Discuss the book with your child, asking questions to see if they have understood.

#### Maths

In Reception, we teach maths through Maths Mastery. During our first term, pupils develop a thorough understanding of numbers within 10 through: counting on; counting back; comparing sets of objects, and discussing more and fewer. Pupils will represent numbers within ten in various ways including using concrete objects, and creating pictorial representations.



**Key vocab:** more, fewer, greater, less, one more, one fewer

**Activities at home:** count everyday objects, and look out for shapes and numbers in their environment. e.g. the number 2 bus, a rectangular window, etc.

#### PE

Our PE lesson will be each **Tuesday**. Please send your child into school in their school uniform with their PE kit in their PE bag. They will change at school and come home in their PE kit.