



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer. Welcome back to school and what is going to be a wonderful year in Outstanding Owls! I am thrilled to be back in Year 5 and cannot wait to get started with this brilliant group of children. The purpose of this letter is to hopefully give you as much information as possible in order that the year runs as smoothly as it can.

#### Morning routine

The children will enter school through the external door to our classroom. From 8:40am, the children will have tasks and activities to complete and therefore it is essential that they arrive to school on time. The classroom door will close at 8:50am and anyone entering past 9am will be logged as "late".

#### Weekly timetable

I will be teaching all lessons for most of the week. Mrs Thorncroft will be in class supporting as a Teaching Assistant every morning and working with small groups or individuals some afternoons. **This half term, the children will have P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday.** The children will continue to come into school on these days in the appropriate P.E. kits. As a gentle reminder, there should be **no** branded or colourful clothes as part of the children's P.E. kits. As we approach the winter season, please ensure that your child has a coat suitable for the weather conditions as we aim to go outside whatever the weather (within reason!).

#### Homework

Topic homework will be given out at the start of the term and it is expected that the children chose one of activities once a week. The children will be given a list of spellings to learn every week and a maths homework sheet every 2 weeks. The spellings will be tested at the end of the term which will be a mixture of the different spellings that have learnt at home over the term.

#### Curriculum

You will receive a curriculum map for this term; Our first topic is Dynamic Dynasties and focuses on Ancient China, particularly the Shang Dynasty. It is going to be a great topic filled with a variety of activities linked to many subject areas. If you have anything at home related to this topic that you feel would be useful in school, please send them in with your child for us to look at in class.

#### Residential

The children are no doubt looking forward to the residential trip due to take place from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. We will be holding an information evening for parents and children in the Spring term. More information about this will be sent in due course.

#### Reading books and library books

Your child will be given the opportunity to select a reading book and be given a reading record. It is vital that your child continues to read regularly at home and that their reading is recorded in their book. Even if your child reads independently, I would appreciate it if you would discuss the story with your child, as comprehension is one of our main focus this year.



Children will have plenty of opportunities to change their reading books and also to take home a separate library book if they wish. We have a plethora of books available in the classroom in addition to the collection in the library. I will be encouraging the children to look at both fiction and non-fiction books.

#### Water bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle which they can access throughout the day. We will send them home at the end of every day to be washed and refilled.

#### Pencil cases

All the stationery that the children will need is provided by school and therefore pencil cases are not necessary. However, if your child would like to bring in a pencil case they can do. I ask for this to stay in their bag or in their drawer in the classroom until they are invited to get them out in order to complete an art-based activity, or something a little more special.

#### Lost property

Many items of clothing and other possessions have been left by the children at the end of the last academic year. Therefore, I ask that all items of clothing are clearly named at that this is checked regularly.

I am really keen for you to feel able to talk me about any concerns you have. If you have any questions, or need to make me aware of anything, please arrange a meeting with me via the school office, through email at [HRidley@stanwickprimary.org.uk](mailto:HRidley@stanwickprimary.org.uk) or see me at the end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Helen Ridley  
Class Teacher