

Reading

In Owls and Swans class we would like you to read with for your child for 5 minutes 3 times per week. When you have read, please date and sign the purple reading record.

Please ensure that ***all*** items (including clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes) that come to school with your child are clearly ***named*** to avoid loss. ***The children are responsible for taking care of their own belongings.***

With your support and communication with the teachers we are sure to have a fantastic half term and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you
The Owls and Swans Team.

New Road Primary School

Spring Term 1 2026

Owls and Swans - Reception



Information for Parents

Miss Whitehand, Mrs Decena, Mrs Graham
and Miss Wojakowska

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to an exciting half term. We are starting the year off with our first theme 'Great Explorers' This booklet is to inform you of what your child will be learning this term. There are also some questions included to help your children to extend their learning at home.

Mathematics (M)

This term we will be carrying on with number work, thinking about how to use numbers to 10 in a range of contexts. We will also be looking at mass and capacity.

Can you find 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10?

Literacy (L)

In Literacy this half term, we will be looking at a range of stories that are set in different parts of the world. We will be doing lots of word building using the new sounds we are learning in Phonics and we will also spend lots of time learning how to write simple sentences.

Can you write a sentence about something that you did in school today?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

During this term we will be recapping how we treat each other in school and thinking about the school rules. We will also be discussing how to be safe when outside of school, especially when crossing the road.

Can you tell a grown up how we cross the road safely?

Communication and Language (CL)

This term we will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities as a whole class and in small groups. We will be sharing our ideas and thoughts during Circle Time. We will also be listening to a range of texts including stories, poetry and non-fiction to help develop our vocabulary.

Can you tell someone about your favourite story at school?

Physical Development (PD)

In PD we will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to demonstrate their fine and gross motor skills such as cutting, threading and writing activities. On Thursdays, we will have PE with Mrs Bowden. She will be teaching Dance. Please send your child to school in their sports clothes on Thursday only.

Can you teach someone at home a dance move that you have learnt in our PE lessons?

Understanding the World (UW)

In UW we will be learning about the season of Winter, our local area and looking at places of importance in Whittlesey. We will then use this information to create simple maps. After this we will then compare Whittlesey with a contrasting country. We will also be learning about why churches are important to Christians.

Can you visit somewhere in Whittlesey that is special to you?

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

In EAD we will carry on singing a range of songs, we love to sing! In Music with Mrs Batchelor we will be learning about what pitch means. In Art and Design we will be learning how to make a collage.

Can you perform some of our favourite songs from school to a grown up?