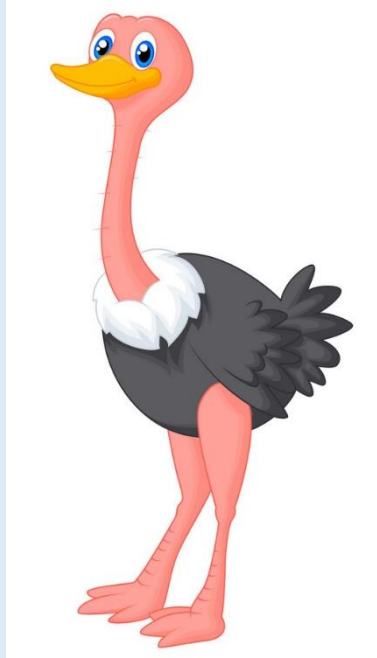
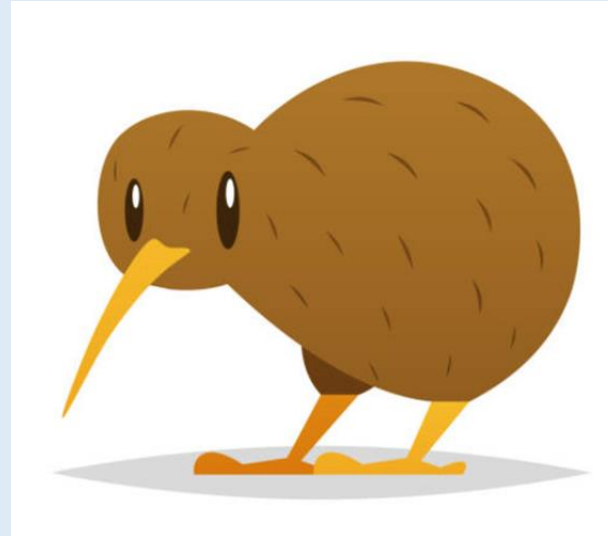


Welcome to Year 5



OSTRICHES

Class Teacher: Mrs Fish
TA: Mrs Thomas



KIWIS

Class Teacher: Mrs Reed
TA: Mrs Wasey



AND.....

Ms Barton



Each child is expected to have the following items in school at all times:

- Water bottle- water only for the classroom please; squash or fruit drinks are permitted for lunch bags
- Reading record and school reading scheme book



It would also be useful if the children could bring in:

- A slim pencil case with a glue stick (white only please), colouring pencils, felt tip pens etc.

All items should be able to fit into a desk tray and be clearly labelled.

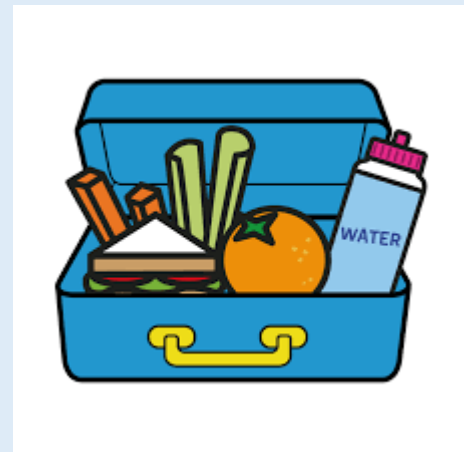
Children should not bring precious objects or items into school in case they get lost or damaged.

Snacks and Packed Lunches

Children are welcome to bring in a snack for break time. Snacks should be fruit or vegetables only - this does not include items such as 'fruit winders' that contain a lot of sugar.

If children bring packed lunches to school, please do not include nuts as Owlsmoor Primary School is a 'nut free' school. This includes spreads, such as Nutella, that contain nuts.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Rewards

House points and tokens are awarded in recognition of effort, kindness, achievement, helpfulness etc. Children in the house with the most points at the end of the term will receive a treat.

All children who have read at least four times in a week, and had their reading records signed, will have extra playtime, usually on Wednesday afternoon.

Certificates for 'Star of the Week' will be handed out by the class teacher.

The children in Year 5 will choose a class treat at the end of each term if they fill their class marble jar - marbles are awarded for whole-class effort, achievement or excellent behaviour.

School Behaviour Policy

All classes follow the school behaviour policy:

Step 1 - Children receive an initial warning/reminder.

Step 2 - Children will be moved to the class 'Time out' table to reflect on their actions and to complete a 'Thinking about my Behaviour' sheet

Step 3 - Children will be sent to a parallel class to complete their work

Step 4 - Children will be sent to the phase leader/member of senior leadership team

Teachers will communicate more serious/repeated issues with parents.



Reading: Children are expected to be heard reading aloud for at least 20 minutes every day and that **reading records are signed by an adult**, with comments where appropriate.

As children progress through the reading scheme, comprehension of the text and use of expression becomes more important, along with continued development of fluency.

To promote 'reading for pleasure', a list of recommended reading books has been sent home with the children and is also available on our website.

Homework: Will be sent home every **Thursday** and should be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. This will be a piece of maths homework and a piece of reading comprehension homework - children are expected to spend **up to** 30 minutes per piece. The White Rose calculation policy is available on our school website.

If homework is not completed, children will attend a homework club, supervised by a teacher, during a break or lunchtime the same week.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home every **Thursday** and will be tested on the following **Wednesday**. We recommend that children practise their spellings each day.

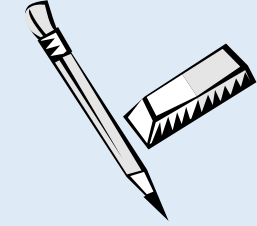
The words to learn come directly from the National Curriculum - we start by recapping the Y3/Y4 curriculum words in the Autumn term, before moving on to the Y5/Y6 curriculum spellings.

Times tables: In addition to their weekly homework, it is expected that children continue to learn their times tables and the related division facts. **Fast recall** is a key focus as well as understanding the link to division.

There are apps (e.g. Hit the Button and Times Table Rock Stars), songs and videos on YouTube that can support your children in learning these. As a school, we have signed up to 'Times Table Rock Stars' and your child's login details have been sent home.

If your child is finding their homework too easy or too difficult, please let us know as we will be able to review the level of homework being set.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM



Maths (daily)

English (daily)

Guided reading (one lesson per week)

Science (one lesson per week)

Foundation subjects (one lesson per week) - RE, Music, Art, DT, PSHE, Computing and French

History/ Geography (one lesson per week)

Autumn - The Ancient Greeks

Spring - The Vikings

Summer - North America

PE (Mon pm with the class teacher and Tue am with Mr. Methven) - earrings should either be removed or covered with tape to prevent injuries. Please ensure your child wears their kit to school (*including trainers and tracksuits for colder weather*) as these days may change at short notice due to other events happening in school. PE kits should be plain navy blue/black with a plain white T-shirt.

Handwriting: Children are expected to join up their handwriting using a cursive style. In Y5, they will be working towards attaining their pen licences if they have not already received one.

THEMED DAYS/ WEEKS

We enjoy celebrating a number of themed days/ weeks during the school year ☺
This year, these will include:

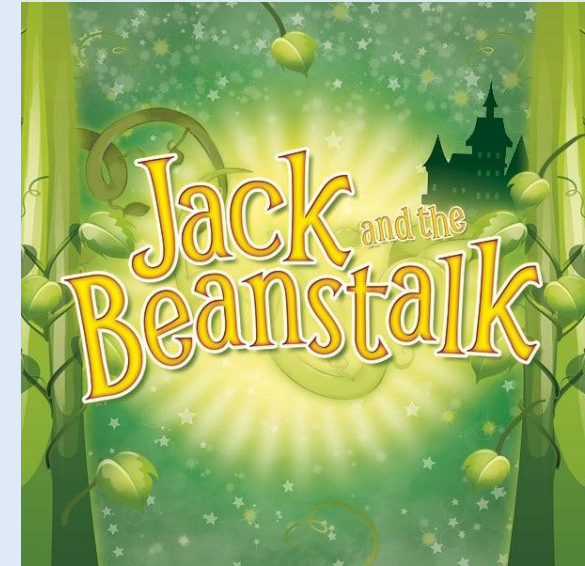
- European Day of Languages
- Healthy Mind Day
- Anti-Bullying Week/ Friendship Week
- Careers Week (week beginning 6.2.23) - we would love for you to come in and talk about your own careers if you are available.
- Safer Internet Day
- Book Week
- World Earth Day
- Arts Fortnight



Y5 CURRICULUM PROMISES - to support children's skills for life e.g. sewing on a button
AND to give children opportunities to enjoy new experiences.

Our curriculum promises this year include:

- A Greek Day, with a visit from a 'Greek Goddess'
- A trip to the pantomime (half funded by the PTA)
- Summer trip to Marwell Zoo
- Making an apple pie



ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES

Brass lessons - A music teacher from Berkshire Maestros will come to the school once a week, for around 10 weeks, to teach the children to play a trumpet.



Bikeability Training - children are invited to take part in free cycling lessons (starting on the school playground and progressing onto the local roads). This is presently booked to start towards the end of May 2023 through a company called Avanti Cycling.

Please note - children wishing to take part will need their own roadworthy bicycle and safety helmet.



Parent Helpers 😊

If you have any free time, we would always welcome some extra help with:

- Reading
- Sewing
- DT - pulleys, bridges
- Art lessons
- Trips

A DBS check would be required for this school - the form is available from the school office.

Any further questions?

