



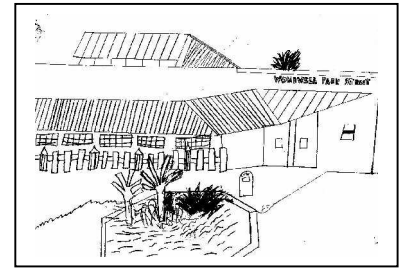
## BRONZE

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Dear Parents and Carers of Outstanding Owls

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I hope you find the contents of this letter useful when talking to your child about what they are learning this term. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it should give you some ideas on how to support your child's learning at home so that they make even faster progress. Please feel free to ask the class teacher if you need any further information or help.

English: We will be learning about stories with familiar settings for example stories about home, school, shops, holidays anything that the children can relate to in some way. We will be looking at the different elements of the story and retell them in the correct order. We will write our own stories based on these familiar themes. The children will also be looking at instructions and how to write a set of instructions.

- At home, read lots of stories together and discuss where the stories are set, who the main characters are and what the main events are in the story. Also make sure that your child is reading regularly at home. They should bring a new book home on a regular basis. If possible listen to your child read at least twice a week. Ask them questions about the book/story and ask them to tell you what it is they have just read. Let the children help you follow instructions on packets, recipes, games etc

Maths: We are learning to talk about how we solve problems, using the vocabulary of addition and subtraction and number sentences to describe and record our work. We will also be learning to measure and estimate weights and measures using standard measures.

- At home, practise reading and writing numbers in digits and words. Practise addition as counting on and subtraction as finding the difference and counting back. Also practise counting in 2s 5s 10s. Your child should be able to say what number comes next in the count for example in 2s what comes next after 16 etc.

Science: We will be finding out how materials can be changed.

At home, you can encourage your child to find different materials and talk about the words we use to describe them. Look at how different materials can be changed such as freezing, melting, stretching twisting.

Topic: We are learning about life in different places and asking questions such as 'Why do we travel around the world?' 'How are countries different and how are they similar?' 'How do we use maps and globes to identify places around the world?'

- At home talk to your children about the places they have visited on holiday and look for those places in atlases or on the computer. It would be interesting for the children if you have any postcards or information etc from different countries that you could let us look at.

ICT: We are learning how to find information on the computer to help us with our topic work. We will also be learning how to use the digital camera to help record and present information.

- At home, please encourage your child, where convenient, to become more independent when using ICT.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn on these days. It would be helpful if children brought their kit into school on Monday morning in a small labelled bag which will then be returned on Fridays for washing. On Tuesdays, PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on that day.

Mrs Godany will be working with Outstanding Owls in the mornings.

Reading: The children will be doing guided reading with the class teacher on a rota basis throughout the week. Reading books will be changed at this time so please remember to return them every day.

Homework: The children will be given homework on Fridays which could be in many different forms but should help to reinforce work they have been learning about that week. They will also be given weekly spellings to practise for an informal test the following week.

Cookery: You should have received the letter explaining about the cookery your child will be doing this term. The children will work in small groups throughout the week and this will link to their topic about the world around us.

Things to look forward to this term:

18<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Coffee Morning

Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Writing Week

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to us after school when we will have more time to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Allen and Mrs Holt