



Benwick Primary School

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Owls
Spring 2022 letter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

It has been great to have the children back at school and to listen to their news. I am sure they were very excited to see their friends again. You will see from our topic grid what we will be learning this half term.

For your information:

Our PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please bring PE clothes into school on a Monday and return them on a Friday, this allows us to have a spare change of clothes/ shoes in school if required. Children should have a change of shoes at all times as we will try and be outside as often as possible during lunch and break. Our Wednesday PE session will be Invasion games led by the class teacher and our Friday session will be Gymnastics led by Premier Sports. Please ensure that your child packs enough clothes to have layers. (shorts, t-shirt, long jogging bottoms, long sleeve fleece) Whenever possible we will be having our PE lesson outside.

Home learning:

Reading:

We read with the children in school on a daily basis so please ensure that they bring their reading book and reading record with them. Please also encourage your child to read every day at home. Your child will benefit from reading a book silently by themselves but also out loud to you or another family member. Discuss their book with them and check any new vocabulary. When your child has completed their book they should then complete the quiz about their book in school in order to share and check their understanding.

Spellings:

New spellings will come home every Monday for your children to learn. They can use the look, say, cover, write, check method to do this. (Or any other method which works for them). Spelling sheets need to be returned to school for the following Monday and children will be tested on their words. As this is such a short half term, I have decided to send out spellings on the Wednesday of the first week. These will be tested next Monday.

Times tables:

Please also encourage your children to continue to learn their times tables. They can use Times Tables Rock Stars to practise, or any other method they prefer. Every child should have a log on for Times Tables Rock Stars. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/64009>



Optional Home learning: a grid of optional home learning activities can be found on our class page on the school website.

https://www.benwick.cambs.sch.uk/web/owls_class/224955

Labelling items:

Please make sure your child's items are labelled with their names, many of the bottle bottles and jumpers are the same. That way we can ensure any unclaimed items get back to their rightful owners.

Healthy Snack:

If your child has a snack for break time, it should be a healthy, nut free snack. This does not include crisps, biscuits or chocolate bars.

In Class ventilation:

We continue to keep the classroom as ventilated as we can due to the COVID situation, which can lead to the classroom being chilly. The best way of trying to combat this is by wearing layers of clothes. Please make sure that your child has a jumper/cardigan or fleece, or maybe even both. As a last resort the children will be able to wear their coats in class but this does not aid them in their work as they are very bulky and get in the way.

If you have any questions, comments or wish to discuss your child with me, then please speak to me or send a message via Class Dojo. I am available to speak to when the gates open in the morning, before the whistle goes, or after school.

During the day I am focused on working with the children so please call the school office if you have a message which needs immediate attention as I will not check Class Dojo until the end of the day.

I am looking forward to a great term of learning,

Kind regards

Mrs Mills