

Caversham Park Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very excited to welcome the children into Owl Class. We have had a fantastic couple of days settling into the new classroom arrangements and it has been lovely getting to know the children.

Class arrangements

On a Monday morning, Mrs Newbury will be teaching the class during my PPA time- this means she will also be teaching the year 4 maths group on a Monday. Mrs Twyford will be teaching the year 3 maths group 4 days a week, with Wednesday's maths lesson taught by Mrs Newbury.

Year 3 parents, please note that children in KS2 do not receive free fruit so you will need to provide your child with a piece of fruit for snack.

PE

Our PE lessons will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. However, your child should have their PE kit in school every day so if changes are made (dependent on the weather or other in-school events), they will be able to take part. Please ensure that your child has a full, named PE kit, including trainers for outdoor PE. If your child wears earrings they should either remove them before PE or bring tape to cover them up, and long hair will need to be tied up for PE.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on **Friday** to be returned the following **Thursday**. Year 3 will usually be given one piece of homework (English or maths) each week. Year 4 will usually be given two pieces. Homework will be paper-based this term and sent home in the children's reading folders.

In addition, the children will receive spellings on a **Friday**, to be tested on them **Thursday/Friday** (depending on their phonics/ spelling groups).

Reading

Reading is so important to a child's overall learning and attainment. Children should be reading regularly at home. The children aim to reach a minimum target of reading three times a week (each one signed by an adult) in their reading records. Reading records are checked on **Monday**.

Reading folders, containing their reading book and reading records, should be brought to and from school each day. Children will be responsible for changing their own books, with time given to do this.

Times tables

Children should be practising their times tables at home. Throughout year 3 and 4, the maths curriculum increasingly relies on times tables knowledge. By the end of year 4, they should know all their times tables. Daily practise of times tables- through chanting, games, online practise etc.- will support their maths learning in class. We regularly use timestables.co.uk and 'Hit the button' on the Top Marks website for practise and these can also be used at home.

Your child will have specific times tables to focus on, depending on their Wizard maths level. If they/ you do not know which times tables these are, or you would like resources to support their learning of times tables, please come and see me.

In June, the year 4 children will complete the government's statutory multiplication check to determine whether they can recall their times tables fluently. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Pencil Cases

Children in year 3 will not need pencil cases this year. At the moment, the children in year 4 do not need a pencil case but I will review this throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and see me. I prefer to sort out any issues sooner rather than later! Unless it is something I need to know or sort that day, the best time to speak to me is at the end of the day. I hope to meet some of you at the upcoming school coffee morning and look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Miss Gundry

Owl Class (Year 3 & 4) teacher