



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Clipstone Brook Lower School. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer holidays. It is lovely to see our wonderful children again, enthusiastic, excited and ready to learn. We have got lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children and look forward to sharing our learning journey with you.

Curriculum Coverage

In accordance with our Home Learning Policy we are sending you information about what the children will be learning about this term. In the autumn term we will be covering the following topics:

- Science- **Seasonal Changes** where we look at the changes that occur in our environment in autumn and winter.
- Geography- **Where Do I Live?** This is a topic focussed upon the town of Leighton Buzzard.
- History- **The Great and the Ghastly:** The children will be finding out about Queen Elizabeth II, The Gunpowder Plot and The Great Fire of London.
- Art- **Painting:** The children will be experimenting with their colour mixing skills and creating their own compositions of The Great Fire of London
- RE- **What Do Christians Believe God is Like? Why Does Christmas Matter to Christians? How and Why Do We Celebrate Special Times?** The religions that we focus upon are Islam, Hinduism and Christianity.
- ICT- **Technology Around Us** is the topic for the first half of the autumn term. Then the children in Year 1 will learn about **Digital Painting** and in Year 2 the topic is **Digital Photography**.

All of these topics will be taught in weekly blocks, so that the knowledge and skills are built upon lesson by lesson, allowing for continuity and progression.

In our maths lessons this term we will be looking at the following topics:

Year One: Number- **Place Value (within 20)**

Addition and Subtraction (within 10)

2D and 3D Shape

Year Two: Number- **Place Value (within 100)**

Addition and subtraction (within 100)

Multiplication and division (x2, x5, x10 times tables)

Money

During English lessons the children will continue to follow the Spelling and Read, Write Inc (RWI) lessons in Key Stage 1. The programme incorporates the phonics, reading and writing elements of English. Children who have graduated from the RWI programme will be taught English through The Literacy Tree programme, using high-quality and engaging texts to prompt discussion and writing. Reading comprehension skills will also continue to be developed.

Reading at Home

We encourage children to bring their reading book and logs home each week. Reading is the gateway to learning. Listening to your child read will help them to develop a love of reading and an interest in books. Please listen to your child read for 5-10 minutes daily or as often as you are able. Use the reading record book to comment on how your child has enjoyed the book, or just INITIAL AND DATE when you have heard your child read. This is very important, as some children might fall behind if not heard regularly.

Books will be changed weekly. A record of the books that your child reads will be kept in school by the class teacher. In Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2), reading books will be changed on a Friday. PLEASE MAKE SURE READING BOOKS AND LOGS COME BACK ON A THURSDAY.

The children will also be bringing home books from the library on a regular basis to share with you and they also have access to a library of e-books on the Oxford Owl website.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

They simply need their class login. The user name is the class name (as shown below) and the password is **class**

Red Kites: kites Owls: owl Foxes: fox Hedgehogs: hedgehog

PE Kit

Each class will have a PE session led by the Future Games team once a week. County Health and Safety Policy dictates that no earrings must be worn for PE.

Please ensure that your child comes dressed in their school PE kit and trainers on their PE day. In line with school policy, children should be dressed for PE lessons in red or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. As the colder weather draws in, it is advisable for your child to be dressed in a tracksuit (red, black or grey tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt).

PE Days

- Red Kite Class- Monday
- Owl Class- Monday
- Fox Class- Tuesday
- Hedgehog Class- Tuesday

Please remove your child's earrings for PE lessons. If this is not possible, please cover the earrings with micropore tape. Teachers are not able to remove earrings.

Homework Tasks

Further information regarding homework will follow in the next few weeks.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. As ever, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, your child's class teacher is the first port of call. Please contact them via the school office.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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| Mrs Hieatt | Miss Evans | Miss Carter- Lewis | Miss Worrell |
| Year 2 | Year 2 | Year 1 | Year 1 |
| Hedgehog class | Fox class | Owl class | Red Kite class |

Key Stage Lead