



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to all families and children in Owl class! My name is Mr Beresford and I am really excited to be your child's class teacher. A fact about me: I have two rescue greyhounds and love to take them on walks around the Peak District.

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break, and that your child is ready for an exciting year at school. The children have done well settling in to their new class, learning routines and showing me how they have grown up over the holidays.

Joining us in Owl class will be Mrs Ridgeway. On Thursday, Miss Butterworth will be the class teacher. We welcome Mrs Shimwell who is teaching on a Tuesday afternoon. I will regularly update the Owls class page on the school website with news, photos and what the class have been doing, and you can also find information in the regular newsletter.

Reading

Your child should have a book to take home and a book in school. Their reading diary should go home to record what they have read and come back with them to record reading in school. Please try to read with your child as much as possible and record progress in their diary - your help is really appreciated. Books can be brought into school and swapped when they've been read.

Spellings

New spellings will be given to children on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday. The spellings for each week will be on the website and an overview of each half term will be sent home. Please try to practise these at home. Please ask me if you need help with ideas. Here are two ideas - LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK or draw around the words - looking

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Homework

Children will be expected to complete 1 piece of homework each week, as well as regular reading and practising spellings. Homework will be sent home in a book - please treat this like a school book - write in pencil! It will be set on Friday and due the following Tuesday. Children who have not handed in work will have time to do it at break time as this is the only spare time in the school day.

Music

Children will be learning a brass instrument through the Wider Opportunities Scheme. They will have one 45-minute lesson each week, taught as a whole class on a Monday morning.

PE

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit, but please send shoes and socks to change into.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact the school office or make an appointment to speak to me.

I'm looking forward to meeting you and wish you a happy and successful year.

Best wishes, Mr Beresford & Miss Butterworth