

Hello and welcome to the first Friday 'HeadsUp!' newsletter!

This weekly newsletter will be sent weekly on a Friday. I hope that it will:

- Give you a round-up of our school week, with plenty of photos of all our amazing learning!
- Share the calendar for the coming week – key events for all classes
- Give you reminders about kit, books, homework etc.
- Help us celebrate together and share news of our wonderful learning!

This week there is a lot to share. Let's start with a quick overview of who is where this year:

Owlets	Fledglings	Little Owls	Wise Owls
			
Mrs Hammond Mrs Hayes	Miss Joel Mrs Walby-Williams	Miss Fell Mrs Jocelyn, Mrs Gray	Mr McKelvey (Mon, Fri) Mrs Proudfoot (Tue – Thur) Mrs Fuller




Fridays

Our woodland and outdoor activities will continue this year, with a couple of slight changes. To reflect the range of activities, we are renaming the sessions 'Outdoor Adventures'.



Each week, all children will get their wellies on and venture out for a session which might be in Anstey Hollow, or on one of our much-loved walking routes across the fields and into the woods. We will go ahead even in the rain, so please remember to check your kit!

The activities will be based on a theme that will change every term. This year, they are:

Autumn Term Trees	Spring Term Habitats	Summer Term Bushcraft and Survival
		
Tree art Making frames Writing and classroom displays Identifying native English trees	Bug hunting Micro-habitats Looking for clues Life cycles and food chains Making our own habitats!	Finding our way around Lighting fires and fire safety Building dens Camp craft

We will produce a photo diary of our work with written accounts of our activities. This will be uploaded to our website for you to see!

On Friday afternoon, Fledglings will be doing PE; Little Owls and Wise Owls will be enjoying either Art or DT with Mr McKelvey and Mrs Fuller.

First week

Next week is our first full week back. We have set this aside as our 'Establishment Week', which gives us time to get used to the routines of school, and get to know each other all over again!

The full curriculum will begin the following week.

Next week, we will be using the mornings to introduce the children to our School Values, Rules and Steps-to-Success through a range of fun activities. We will cover the routines of the school day, timetables, lunches, and all the other important information they need.

The ZONES of Regulation

   	   	   	   
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone Overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

We will also go through our 'Zones of Regulation' curriculum with all pupils. This helps us regulate and identify our feelings. Through discussion and teacher-led activities we introduce children to these ideas and work out what we need to get us into the green 'Learning Zone'.

In the afternoons, classes will work on their classroom displays, creating self-portraits and other art to make their space their own.

Marble jar



The next time you visit the school, you will see a jar in the corridor. This is our school reward jar. When adults see children showing positive behaviour and demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, they will be awarded with a marble to place in the jar. When we have hit our target, we will celebrate with a whole school reward, such as a board games afternoon. We hope that this will be a fun way of encouraging our school values and rewarding all the wonderful behaviour and attitudes that we see in school.

Please let us know if you have any questions – we can't wait to get started!

Best wishes

Mr McKelvey