

**Parent Information**

# Owls - Reception

**Summer Term 2026**

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. Hopefully we will see more sunshine this term! This is the last term of OWLS ready for the children to move up to Year 1 in September – this is always an exciting time for the children.

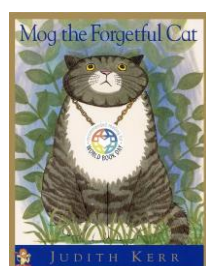
**Our Learning**

Our topic this half-term is ‘Animal Safari’. We will be learning all about different animals and their habitats, which will link to our exciting Hogshaw trip.



Our focus for English this term is the well-known story Mog the forgetful cat, Rainbow fish and the Squirrels who squabbled. We will be learning the stories and then using them as a basis to start making up our own stories. We know the children have lots of fun ideas already.

A lot of focus for this term will also be on transitioning to Year 1. There will be lots of things taking place to ensure that your child is confident and ready to begin their next journey in September.



**Early Learning Goals**

As we reach the end of Reception we will be assessing your children against the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). This is done through observations and a ‘best fit’ approach. All of the children will be assessed in all areas of the EYFS curriculum. They can either achieve Emerging (this means they are working below their expected age) or Expected (this means they are working where they should be). You will receive your child’s level in the end of the year report that will be sent home.



**Transition**

As we reach the end of the year, it is really important that we start to transition the children into Year 1. The jump from Reception to Year 1 can be quite daunting and so we put a lot of things into place to ensure your child will be ready for September. During the Summer Term we take the whole of Reception to the KS1 celebration assembly on Fridays, this allows the children to get used to being in the main part of the school, with larger groups of children. As we get closer to July, we take the children to their new classrooms to show them what they look like. Their new teacher will also come and read them stories and do several circle time activities so that the children know a familiar face when they start in Year 1. In July we also have a transition day where the class will spend time in their new classroom, with their new teacher.

**Dates**

- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April – Hogshaw Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET day
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Break up for Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Return to School
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of school Year
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET day

### Useful Websites

In this day and age, it is very hard to stay away from the Internet! With this in mind, we want to raise awareness of Online Safety, even with children in Reception and Nursery. The majority of children have access to some form of device and it is important to be aware of what your child is accessing. Even with parental controls, some content can slip through that is inappropriate. Please talk to your children about what they can do if they see something that makes them uncomfortable. There are lots of resources around to support with this – please visit our school website for more information.



### Summer and Hot Weather!

Even though the weather has been pretty awful, hopefully summer will arrive soon! As previous years prove, it can get extremely hot! On days where it is forecast to be sunny, please send a sun hat in with your child (ensure it is named) and that sun-cream has been applied before they arrive. During the hotter weather it is also important to send your child in with a named water bottle. Please ensure that it is only filled with water and NOT squash, or fizzy drinks.



**Many thanks for the support you have given us this year. We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer term. If you do have any queries please ask your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.**

**Miss Hague, Mrs Reid, Miss Dyudyukova & Miss Shazad**