



Opal Class Newsletter



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Welcome back, and a HUGE welcome to Year 5 and Opal class! We hope you had a fantastic summer and are now feeling ready for the busy year ahead. We are here to help and support you and your child, so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Curriculum Information:

Literacy:

We will be travelling through space and time by writing some exciting portal stories. Then, we will become roving reporters and we will be reporting on the moon landing of 1969.

Maths:

The children will be revising their knowledge of place value and the four operations as well as putting their problem solving skills to the test.

Science:

How do we get day and night? Why does the moon change shape? We will be investigating these and much more through our Earth & Space topic.

PE:

This term, we will be focusing on our football skills. We will also be doing gymnastics in the hall.

Art:

We will be studying the illustrations of Christina Balit in 'Zoo In The Sky' and recreating our own works of art based on the constellations in the night sky.

P.E is on Monday, all afternoon

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school and that it is appropriate for the weather; we will go outside come rain or shine! **Please remove earrings on these days.**



MEET and GREET

On Wednesday 12th September at 2.45pm we will be having a very informal pop in session.

It's your chance to come and meet the Opal team and see your child's new class.

How can you help at home?

Please support your child with their spellings and Maths homework wherever possible. The work set will support the learning they have done during the week. Please remember to read at home for 20 min per day and sign the reading record, so children are awarded for their hard work. Homework club is held weekly if your child needs support to complete their homework.

DATES FOR HOMEWORK:
21st Sept, 5th Oct and 19th Oct

Times Table Tests!

Your child needs to be practising their times tables for our weekly Big Maths test and the 100 Club. They should know which ones they need to learn. The test will be completed as a rapid recall, with just seconds for them to remember the answer.

Please use PIXL to practise the times tables as often as possible.



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.

Reading

The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR READING BOOK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY and you have signed their reading record to say that you have listened to them read.



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing have their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit.