



# Opal Class Newsletter



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**Teaching Assistant: Miss Huxter**

We hope you had a fantastic break over half term and we are looking forward to another brilliant term in Opal class. We are here to help and support you and your child, so if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Curriculum Information:

### English:

We will be travelling back in time to explore the myths and historical texts of Ancient Greece. The children will be learning about the adventures of Odysseus and creating their own myths.

### Maths:

The children will be developing their understanding of statistics and practising their knowledge of multiplication and key number facts.

### Science:

We will be investigating the effects of different forces.

### PE:

This term, we will be focusing on our netball skills. We will also be developing our own Bollywood dance routines in the hall.

### Art:

We will be studying Greek pottery and making our own Greek urns. We will also be creating our own labyrinths.

### PSHE:

Getting on and Falling out.



**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.**



**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 minutes per day and sign the reading record, so children are rewarded for their hard work. Whilst reading with your children, ask questions about the characters and events in the book to check their understanding. Homework club is held weekly if your child needs support to complete their homework.

**DATES FOR HOMEWORK:**  
9th November, 23rd November,  
7th December

## 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.**

## 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 that 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 makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit. Thank you!