

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Welcome to Owls' Class. This will be a busy but exciting Autumn Term, with Year Three pupils learning to cope with the new challenges of being in the Juniors and Year Fours facing the wonderful experience of staying at the Braeside Residential Centre.

Wherever possible, our class activities will relate to our topic themes; this year they will be: Autumn: The 1960s, Monkton Park/Chippenham, Spring: Life in Tudor Times, Tudor Explorers, and Summer: J K Rowling and Harry Potter.

In addition to our usual English lessons, we will visit Chippenham Library twice this term (2.10.18, 13.11.18) and we will work alongside a published author (Maz Evans visits on 11.10.18). Our Reading Reward Scheme will continue whereby your child can earn a certificate for every 25 days of reading. Our writing will build on our reading experiences, grammar lessons, spelling lessons and handwriting practice. To support your child in practising the particular spelling focus being taught in school, on-line spelling homework (Spelling Shed) will be set each week (your child has already his/her personal login details).

We teach mathematics by building upon previous knowledge, so pupils are taught as a class, with independent tasks set as appropriate for the year group. A daily "Minute Maths" session is used to help build automatic recall of key number facts with pupils taking home their marked daily sheets and they are encouraged to complete any unfinished questions at home, without any time pressures, in order to continue to build skills and confidence. Additionally, your child has weekly games to play, practising multiplication tables, using his/her personal login to Times Tables Rockstars.

On Wednesday mornings, Year Fours receive violin lessons, with Mrs Tyson, a specialist music teacher whilst other Year Fours have swimming lessons. The groups swop over mid-year. During these lessons Owls' Year Threes will join Squirrel's Class (the other Year Threes) for outdoor learning with Mr Slee. On Thursday mornings, Mrs Porter will teach Science, RE and PSHE. Year Threes will also have recorder lessons with Mrs Tyson, on Thursdays. PE is currently on Mondays and Fridays but full PE kit needs to be in school every day as in addition to our regular PE lessons we will be continuing with the school's Golden Mile challenge.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to chat to me after school.

Yours faithfully

Ms Susan D Wild
Class Teacher, Owls' Class