

Excalibur Primary School

Year one Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Dear Year one parents/carers,

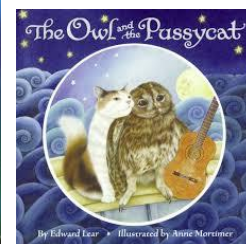
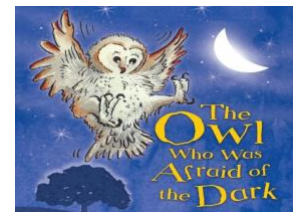
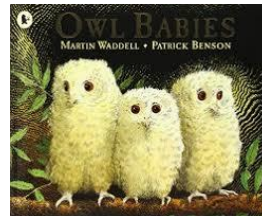


A warm welcome back to a new school year!

We hope that the children have had a wonderful break and that they are ready for the launch of our new topic "As the Nights Get Longer..." A reminder that there is also information available on our class page so please remember to have a look.

As the Nights Get Longer

We plan to spend this half term finding out about nocturnal animals. We will use a variety of owl stories to help provide opportunities for reading and writing. These will include "Owl Babies", "The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark" and "The Owl and the Pussycat". The children will discover facts about nocturnal animals using information books and the internet.



Topic stories, poems and information books



Woodland habitats

The children will also classify animals into different groups. We will discuss why some creatures make better pets than others.



The children will find out about the five basic needs of a pet.

Superheroes

...will be our new topic for the 2nd half of the Autumn term. We will celebrate with a 'Superhero Day' when everyone will be invited to attend school dressed as their favourite superhero. The children will then take part in a series of planned activities to complete their superhero training. (More details will follow in a separate letter.)



We look forward to welcoming the new Year 1 children and their families back to school!

Mrs Cheadle and Miss Taylor

Homework

Seesaw will be the place to find homework activities. Two activities will be set on Thursday. One will be Maths based and the second will vary.

The children will also receive weekly spellings to learn at home. A booklet will be sent with activities to help them learn these spellings. The children will have a spelling check on a Friday.

Read, Write Inc books will be sent home when the children have shared them in their group, along with a second book that uses the same sounds in a new adventure. Please return both Read, Write Inc. books on Mondays.

Story basket books will be changed every Monday and Friday. These books are designed to be shared with an adult and allow the children to enjoy hearing a story read to them.

Remember to ask if you have any questions. We are always happy to help!

Remember...

PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Year 1 children will need to keep their PE kit at school. Due to school health and safety rules, long hair should be tied back and earrings should be taken out or covered with micropore before arriving at school. Children should wear suitable footwear with fastenings they can manage themselves. They are also welcome to wear joggers or tracksuits as some of our lessons may take place outdoors. These should be school colours where possible.

Children need to bring fresh water, in a labelled bottle, every day. A healthy snack can be sent in for play time and a piece of fruit will be provided, by school, for afternoon fruit break.