



## Frieth School

### Owls

#### Curriculum Information

#### Autumn Term 2020-21

Welcome to Frieth! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for a great autumn term. We are excited to be working with your children this year.

Our overarching topic this term is titled 'What a wonderful world'. Below is a brief summary of what the children will be covering this term. Our weekly themes will change depending on the children's current interests e.g. dinosaurs, ways to travel.

#### Literacy

We will be focusing on a variety of genres this term in our literacy sessions. For example, we will write labels and captions, letters, stories and many others. These will be linked to our weekly themes.

Foundation Stage (Reception) Objectives:

- Hear and say the initial sounds in words.
- Continue a rhyming string.
- Link sounds to letters.
- Segment and blend simple words when reading.

#### Mathematics

In Maths we will be covering a variety of units this term, including focusing on numbers, shapes and measuring.

Foundation Stage (Reception) Objectives:

- Count objects to 10 and beyond.
- Recognise numerals to 10 and beyond.
- Use appropriate vocabulary in practical activities and discussions.
- Begin to use everyday language related to measurement.
- Use mathematical language to name and describe two-dimensional shapes.

#### Wider Curriculum for the Foundation Stage

The children will participate in a wide range of activities weekly that will vary throughout the term focusing on the EYFS areas of learning and development, including Understanding the World, Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Expressive Art and Design, and Physical Development. The children will make suggestions of areas of interest based on our topic 'What a wonderful world' and their wider interests. We will be exploring these ideas throughout this term. The activities will change weekly and will be a mixture of child-led and adult-led experiences. There is a copy of the EYFS framework and Development Matters on the website.

#### P.E./Games

We are fortunate to have the coaches from ClubSport, who will be leading Multiskills sessions each Thursday which will focus on agility, balance and co-ordination. The

children need to be prepared for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Please provide a **labelled** P.E. kit including:

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Jumper
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Socks
- Trainers

### **Homework**

We are currently in the process of reviewing our homework policy. We have decided to send home paper copies rather than sending home a homework book as we may be changing how homework is set. Reception will receive a copy of the sounds covered in our Phonics sessions at school and either a Maths or Literacy activity. The activity will be short and likely be a game to help build upon their experiences in school. For Reception, the homework is very informal and is used more as a way to communicate the learning your child is doing at school to you at home. You could record homework in a variety of ways, including photos, your comments and pictures. Homework will be handed out on Monday and does not need to be returned at this point as we want to limit any cross-contamination.

The children will take home two lilac reading books and two story books from our reading area. The lilac books are wordless and encourage the children to orally compose the story and build their comprehension. You can read the story books with your children. We will be benchmarking every child over the next few weeks and will update so as to which reading level is right for them. The books and reading record books will be taken home every Monday and returned every Friday. The children are expected to read at home every day to an adult who can check their understanding and comprehension.

### **Events**

Normally we would have a church service and welcome lunch for new parents. However, due to the recent changes following the latest government guidance we have had to postpone these events. The children will still attend the church service, where they will receive their bible and be welcomed to the school by us. We will take photos and share those with you.

### **General**

- **Clothing:** Please remember to supply your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day. Please provide jumpers and coats for outside play as well as wet weather gear such as raincoats and wellies. As it gets warmer children will need to bring in sun hats and a labelled bottle of sun cream. The pupils should have sun cream applied before they arrive in school and be able to reapply for themselves during the school day. For allergy reasons they cannot use any other child's sun cream. **Please label all items with your child's name.**
- **Water bottles:** We encourage the children to drink lots of water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle labeled with their name to school each day.
- **Library:** Owls children will eventually have a chance to visit the library and take out a book. We will let you know as soon as we are able to use the library. Please ensure that your child brings back the book they have borrowed each week so that they can choose a new one to bring home.
- **Olive the Owl:** This is the class's stuffed Owl that the children take turns bringing home over a weekend or school holiday. Olive will be sent home on a Friday and returned on the Monday so we can wash her between visits. We encourage you to

take pictures of your child doing activities with Olive and then stick these in her book along with a description of the photos. The children will then share what they did with the class the week following their visit.

- **Website:** Please regularly check the website for updates. I will often post messages to you on our class page, including reminders of key dates and information.

We are looking forward to working with your children this term. If you ever have any queries please feel free to get in contact with us through the office or speak to a member of the Owls team on the gate.

Kind regards,

*Miss C Holt*  
*Owls Class Teacher*