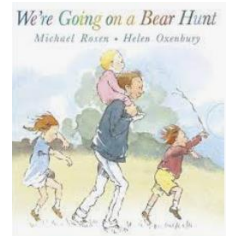


25th September 2023 OPAL CLASS



Dear Opal Families

More bear dens have popped up outside.....watch out bears are about and they seem to be making potions! (We painted giant size bears this week!) I think there is 'Halloween' inspired play arriving in the class ALREADY! The children continue to thrive in school, however this week they have been a little tired. They have had some busy weeks and settling into school really is exhausting so please be mindful that they keep to their bedtime routines and get enough sleep in order to be ready to learn in school the following day. Their little bodies and minds are really undertaking a lot at the moment!!

Please note the children recently took home a curriculum leaflet about the learning taking part in class this term. I have noticed a lot of them are still in children's book bags – I normally hand them out to you in person but I was not able to this time so please take a peek if you haven't already as it gives you a real flavour of the learning this term. By the way –THANK YOU so much to all families for investing in the book bags! 100% of the class have a book bag –FANTASTIC EFFORT!



This week we will creatively re-tell 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' using home-made instruments and free flowing scarves depicting the elements of mud, water, snot etc. In maths we will sort out objects, count and make patterns.

This week's key reminders:

- **PE - Friday** ([Children come to school already dressed in their PE kits ready for the morning thank you](#))
- **Open Afternoon Wednesday 27th September 2.15pm** (Please arrive at 2pm for the reading workshop)
- **RWInc/Reading Workshop** (Please come to the school Office) –Wednesday 27th September 2pm
- **Harvest Festival - Thursday 5th October 2pm**
- **Opal and Jade class school trip to the Farm – Tuesday 10th October**
- **Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10th October**



RWinc /Reading Workshop

Myself and Mrs Bolt (Reading Lead in school) will be holding the 2nd Reading work shop for families in Opal and Jade Class during **the Open Afternoon at 2pm**. Please join us in the hall as we explain the fundamentals of what RWInc is and how you can support your children learning to read at home! Any questions please ask and note there will be time afterwards to join us back in class.

Water Bottles

Please make sure all children come to school with their own drinks bottle. We have a 'no squash' policy in school to encourage all children to love water. Thank you!

School Opening Times 8.45-8.55am

Thank you to everyone for being prompt into school. Please note the gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. It is imperative the children are in school on time. Being late to school has a real adverse effect on the children's personal and emotional health and it means they miss the important beginning of RWInc learning!

KS1 HARVEST FESTIVAL 5th October 2pm

You are invited to attend a small Harvest Celebration with us. Come and see the children sing, and feast on the homemade soup and rolls made by the children. There will also be a huge selection of books on offer for you to enjoy a story together! **Every Child, Every Day - a Reader!!!**

Read Write Inc

The letters we aim to learn this week include: n p g

Watch these great film clips of Fred and Elly learning RWInc. Go to the following links on the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc site online:



For the sound i: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/X99mCXag/6Ah51flz>

For the sound s: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/BtGl92ix/nyHcn9d4>

For the sound t: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/nurWn5VV/033SLXdr>

For the sound m: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/n4DdfwmN/aCDvOSDk>

For the sound a: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DTLDAKXq/UGOD3Zr>

Any queries any time please ask!!

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