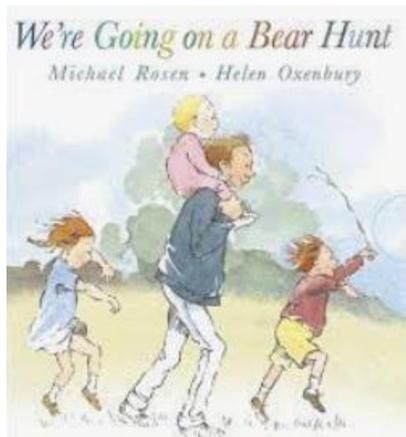


11th September 2023 OPAL



CLASS

Dear Opal Families

WOW what a great start to school the children have had already! My goodness, despite the extreme heat last week we managed to venture down to the woods in search of bears and had a basket of grass magically turn into green apples! We have found empty secret dens in the woods and rolled down grassy hills. I

am ecstatic that the children are marvelling in my 'pretend magic', so can't wait to see how the year ahead pans out!!

Every term we will have a core text as part of our learning. This term we will be basing our experiences on the text: **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**...I'm hoping the children will have given you a little clue to this with our adventures already. As it is the beginning of the term our theme for learning will be based on Homes and Habitats, however, if anything else pops up that the children are really interested in learning about we will go with their ideas also – anything is possible in Opal Class!!

Please note I will write to you every week letting you know what is happening in class and keeping you informed of events taking place in school so please make sure you read these so you don't miss out on any important information.

This week's key reminders:

- PE with Miss Horne Friday
- Open Afternoon **Wednesday 27th September** (more information will be sent closer to the time)

Children will need to wear PE kit on Friday please!

Open afternoon Wed 27th September and Read Write Inc workshop for parents

Please note we will be having an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 27th September. During the afternoon we will also be putting on our Read Write Inc workshop for parents in Reception Class (2-3pm). This workshop will introduce you to Read Write Inc (RWInc) and help you understand how the children will be learning to read so you can support them at home.

Snack Times

The children are quickly moving into a settled routine and LOVE snack time. Thank you to all parents for packing a little extra healthy snack. The children love eating and they love talking about food with the healthy options you are packing for them. Thank you it makes snack times so enjoyable.



SUNTAN CREAM

The sun is shining and it is hot, hot, hot, outside. PLEASE would you mind making sure children come to school with suntan cream already applied. Thank you!



Read Write Inc

- **The letters we aim to learn this week include: m, s, a**

You can watch the following films at home with your children if you go to the following links on the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc site online: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/modules/65>

For the sound m: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tl27ZoEp/LwgOF1Og>

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

For the sound a: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/SKk8IHys/vQgUuv29>

Homework

Please note the children have actually asked me for this!! We have placed homework packs for all the children in folders. This will include all the letters learnt each week. Included are phonics handwriting sheets the children can practise with you at home. Please note there is plenty of time to complete these and remember to keep it fun – there is no point doing this if the children are too tired. Choose your times wisely – many parents tell me they like to do these in the morning when the children are feeling fresh and ready for the day. Any problems please ask!

Any queries at all please always come and ask!

Viv Horne

Opal Class Teacher