

Meet the teacher Owl Class

September 2021



The adults in Owl Class

- Mrs Lewis – Class teacher
- Mrs Price/ Mrs Emmerson – Classroom assistants
- Miss Law – SEN assistant and PPA teacher (Tuesday PM)
- Mr Peters - PE teacher

A little bit of background to me...

- I have been teaching in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire for the last 9 years in a variety of schools.
- I have experience from Year 1 to Year 6 including mixed aged classes.
- Outside of school, I have three teenage sons.

Weekly Timetable

OWL CLASS TIMETABLE- AUTUMN TERM 2021

	8.30-8.45	8.45-9.15	9.15-9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30-10.45	10.45-11.45	11.45-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-1:15	1:15-2:15pm	2:15 – 3-pm
Monday	Registration/ Maths EMA	Vipers Booktalk/Reading comprehension/Spelling	WORSHIP	Maths	BREAK	English	Class novel	LUNCHTIME	Individual Reading	History	
Tuesday				Maths		English				Science	
Wednesday				Maths		English				RE	Computing
Thursday				Maths/English		PE				French	PE Music
Friday				Maths		English				RSHE	Art

Maths

- 3 part lessons – fluency, problem solving and reasoning
- Basics are vital – number bonds for speedy arithmetic
- Times tables need to be secure
- 3 minute maths daily
- Mathletics
- TT rock stars

English

- We use 'The Write Stuff' which equips children with all the skills they need to write across all genres.
- 3 part lesson – word and phrase collecting; modelling by teacher; child writing.
- Sentences are shared and 'stacked' in the class. This supports children with the knowledge and experience they need to construct paragraphs and full texts.
- We also teach discreet grammar lessons to ensure full coverage of the curriculum.

Reading

- Please read with your child each night and record this in your child's reading record. We also use this book so that you can see when they read in school as well.
- Books will be changed when completed and returned books will go into a quarantine box.
- Books from school are chosen and set according to 'Star Reader' ZPD reading levels.
- Children need to complete a book every fortnight and complete an Accelerated Reader quiz at school when they have done so.
- Please read books to your child that they could not read themselves. Research shows this is vital to later comprehension.
- VIPERS is the new reading comprehension tool which we are now using in school.
More information to follow at a later date!

Homework

- Reading - this is the most important! Please keep it up.
- Homework will be sent home weekly in a book. This will go out on a Friday to be returned every Thursday.
- Spelling – these need to be learnt weekly. Log on to Spelling Shed for more practice of your weekly words.
- Each year group has a number of key skills to be mastered. We have split these up into termly lists and children will need to practise these weekly as their maths homework. These lists are referred to as **KIRFS** (Key Instant Recall Facts)
- Mathematics – logins will be sent home
- Knowledge organiser – this is a useful document to share with your child and discuss what they have learnt.

Celebrating Success

- Every week we have a **Celebration Worship** where selected children are awarded the **Star of the Week** certificate. This might be for academic achievement, good progress, perseverance, a WOW moment or going above and beyond to help another child.
- Every week we have certificates given out to reward work done online using Mathletics. We also give out awards from Accelerated Reader for termly reading targets being achieved. When we spot one of our Christian values being enacted children are awarded with a special certificate to recognise when they have been kind, courageous, respectful, curious etc
- Every so often we give out our most special award – **The Socks Off Award**. This award is given to a child when we have seen them consistently working their socks off . In school this would look like: always trying their best in all lessons; persevering when things got hard; and being a role model for the school consistently. We also require children to demonstrate that they are working hard at home, completing all homework, reading daily, practising their KIRFS in maths etc. The children receive a pair of special socks, a certificate and the biggest round of applause of them all!

Partnership

- Children are all individuals
- Talking through worries and concerns is important. Please do not hesitate to ask, the earlier we know about a concern, the easier it is to resolve.
- I am available at the end of the day
- Parents evening will be before half term
- If the matter is urgent and they are not available, please leave a message with the office or with another member of staff. If you have an urgent message in the morning please email the admin account admin@northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk or leave a message with the member of staff on duty in the back playground. Teachers are generally unavailable at the start of the day as they are busy setting up learning.
- If you are unexpectedly delayed picking up your child, please telephone the school and your child can have a place in our after school club until you arrive. After school club runs from 3:15 to 4:15 daily.

Reminders

- Your child will need to come to school in PE kit on **Thursday** this term.
- Reading records and books need to be returned daily.
- Wellies – please name!
- Please ensure that your child has a warm coat and appropriate school shoes.
- Please ensure that you label all school clothes with your child's name. We can waste valuable learning time trying to return unnamed clothing.
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle filled with water every day.
- Snack time (please send fruit)
- We are a 'No Nuts' school.

Covid Arrangements

- Children are requested to wash and dry their hands regularly – when entering school, after break, before lunch, after lunch and before home time. You may provide alternative soap if your child has sensitive skin.
- Tables, chairs, door handles and toilet flushes are cleaned frequently
- Windows are left open to the fresh air in addition to fans within shared spaces, to encourage ventilation
- If your child has symptoms please book a PCR test and remain at home until you have the result (a lateral flow test will not be sufficient if they have symptoms). If positive, Track and Trace will contact you and your child will need to isolate and remain at home.
- All staff have Lateral Flow Tests twice a week and all households can access these free of charge from local pharmacies. We would encourage you to test your children regularly in order to pick up cases before symptoms emerge. If positive, your child will need to take a PCR test.