



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Welcome to 2024!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to starting term 3 and watching the children grow and learn even more.

### Reception Spring curriculum

This term our topic is called 'To infinity and beyond!' where we will be exploring all things space. Please visit our Google Classroom to find the full knowledge organiser that we have created for this topic outlining exactly what your child will be learning.

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| <b>English</b>  |
| Children will listen to and join in with stories with repetitive phrases such as: Whatever Next and The Gingerbread Man. We will also be moving forward in our Little Wandle phonics scheme where the children will be learning even more phonemes including vowel digraphs and a new range of tricky words. Later in the term we will be looking at non-fiction writing linked to space and famous space explorers such as Neil Armstrong. |
| <b>Mathematics</b>  |
| The children will continue to work on numbers 1-10, becoming more confident with counting and ordering. We will explore the different ways of making numbers up to 5 and begin to compare amounts using the language of more than and fewer than.   |
| <b>Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)</b>   |
| This term, the children will be learning about valuing difference. We will be discussing our families and homes and what is similar and different about them. We will also be thinking about what things make us special and how we can be caring towards our friends.  |

### What homework to expect and when

Children will continue to receive one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework every Friday. These are to be completed by the following Thursday. We do not need the paper copies of the homework back, as photos and videos of homework being completed should be submitted to Evidence Me. Please let us know how your child gets on with their homework in the notes section on Evidence Me.

Children will also continue to bring home a phonics reading book which they should be reading at home at least five times a week. Please ensure that you are recording these reads in your child's yellow diary so that they can work towards receiving the reading awards. Please note that these reads must be recorded on five consecutive days. We are delighted that some children have already received their bronze certificates.

### Evidence Me:

We have really enjoyed reading and sharing in class observations from home. The children get a real buzz out of showing their friends what they do. Please continue to take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations. These could be of things that your child has practised at home, skills they have learnt, trips or outings you have been on as a family, or just anything exciting that you want to share! The 50 first things app ideas that we share weekly on the blog have been wonderful to see, but some other examples of observations we have seen are cooking, riding a bike without stabilisers for the first time, visiting the dentist, arts and crafts at home and lots of lovely family outings.

### **PE days:**

Our regular PE slot will continue to be on a Tuesday morning. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school every Tuesday. PE will continue to be inside so navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt will be needed.

Term 3 will see the Owls return to forest school with Mrs Bytyci. In term 2 the weather became cold which we expect to continue in term 3. Please refer to the initial letter informing you of the appropriate layers to wear in these conditions. It is essential that children have gloves and waterproof gloves would be advisable please.

As well as forest school, you will appreciate that when the weather changes, our outside area will become quite muddy/wet therefore we will encourage the children to wear wellies when they are learning outside, so even if your child is not taking part in forest school initially, they will need wellies in school anyway. We will go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children have a good waterproof coat in wet weather.

### **Spare Clothes**

It would be useful if every child has a spare set of uniform (especially underwear) in school just in case! Please make sure that these clothes are also clearly named.

### **Term 3 and 4 shared lessons**

In term 3, to link with our space topic we will be inviting parents in for a shared lesson with a space art theme. This will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 8.45-9.45 in Doves class and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 8.45-9.45 in Owls class.

In term 4 our shared lesson will be linked to our continued work on transport and journeys. We will be inviting parents in to design, make and test different paper aeroplanes. Owls class will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2-3pm, and Doves will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2-3pm.

### **The class blog**

Finally please remember to visit our Google classrooms at:

Owls: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE4MTkwODA0OTQ3?cjc=mdzevxt>

Doves: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE4MTkyODA3ODMw?cjc=v2jyj7o>

This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class and celebrate the children's achievements with us.

We look forward to another successful term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Guntrip (Early Years Leader and Owls Class Teacher)  
Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler (Doves Class Teachers)