



## Year 3 Owls Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025-2026!

**We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!**

Hello, I'm Miss Kee and I will be teaching Owls this year. I cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Our learning will be centred around **Our local area** this half term.



### Key dates for your diary:

Friday 8-9am TBC - Y3 Bikers breakfast

Friday 19th September- Y3 Sharing Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 24th October 2.45pm - Family Friday

Friday 24th October 3.30pm - BHM celebration

**October half term 27th October- 31st October EYFS and Years 1 -6 Closure**

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November- School reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

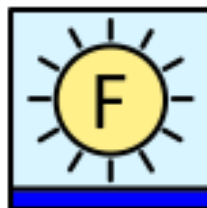
### Trips and Visits

Friday 17th October 2025: Hackney Museum


### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown in our reading lessons. We will be reading 'The Hackney Martian' by Paul Brown as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding information in the text</li> <li>- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words</li> <li>- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters</li> <li>- Making predictions about what will happen next</li> </ul> <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/">https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</a></p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of our local area and the book 'The Hackney Martian.' Using this text, the children will write a detailed setting description, focusing on using a wide range of adjectives and adverbs. The children will also write a re-tell of the story 'Eco-Girl', using a range of fronted adverbials. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding fronted adverbials and adjectives. For example:</p> <p>Under the streets of London, Max crawled through the thick, putrid mud.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp937p3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp937p3</a></p> <p>We will then use our learning from our topic to write a persuasive piece to encourage the children at Gainsborough to cycle to school more.</p> <p>Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.spellzone.com/">https://www.spellzone.com/</a></p> <p>Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Place Value-</b> We will be learning how many tens are in a 2 and 3 digit number, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and counting in 10's and 50's.</p> <p><b>Addition and Subtraction-</b> using mental and written strategies, such as the column method, to add and subtract numbers up to 1,000</p> <p><b>Multiplication and Division-</b> using mental and written strategies to multiply by 3,4 and 8.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd</a></p>	<p>Our science topic this half term will be 'Skeletons, movement' and 'diet and nutrition'. We will explore different species' and their skeletons. We will investigate why different animals have different skeletons, and the purpose of each part of a human skeleton.</p> <p>In addition, we will explore diet and nutrition, looking at and comparing diets between species. We will investigate the 5 different food groups and the benefits of having an eatwell plate.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgbddp3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgbddp3</a></p>

History and Geography		Campaign
In Geography, we will be learning about our local area. We will investigate the human and physical geography in Hackney Wick. The children will be thinking about how and why Hackney has changed over time. In addition, we will be using maps and compasses to locate areas and landmarks in Hackney Wick.		Our class campaign this term is linked to ‘Keep Healthy.’ We will be learning about our local area and encouraging you to cycle to school by hosting a Bikers Breakfast. 
ICT	<b>Systems and Searching</b> We will develop our understanding of how computers are connected.	
PSHE	<b>Being Me in My World</b> During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.	
RE	<b>Sikhism</b> Our focus religion this half term is Sikhism. Our key question is ‘Does joining the Khalsa make someone a better Sikh?’ We will learn about Sikh religious practices and beliefs.	
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Netball.  Class PE Day: <b>Friday</b>	
Music	<b>Motown</b> The children will be exploring Motown music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.	
Art	<b>Street art</b> This half term in art, the children will learn about graffiti and street art, printing and will use this to create a piece linked to their learning of Hackney Wick	
DT and Cooking	<b>Salads</b> This half term in Cooking, we will be making salads for our Black History Month event.	
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.		
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