

Gastrells PRIMARY SCHOOL

A flying start to a life of learning

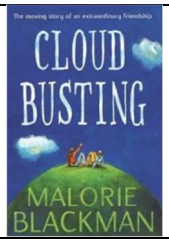
AUTUMN TERM INFORMATION

Dear Ospreys class parents/carers,

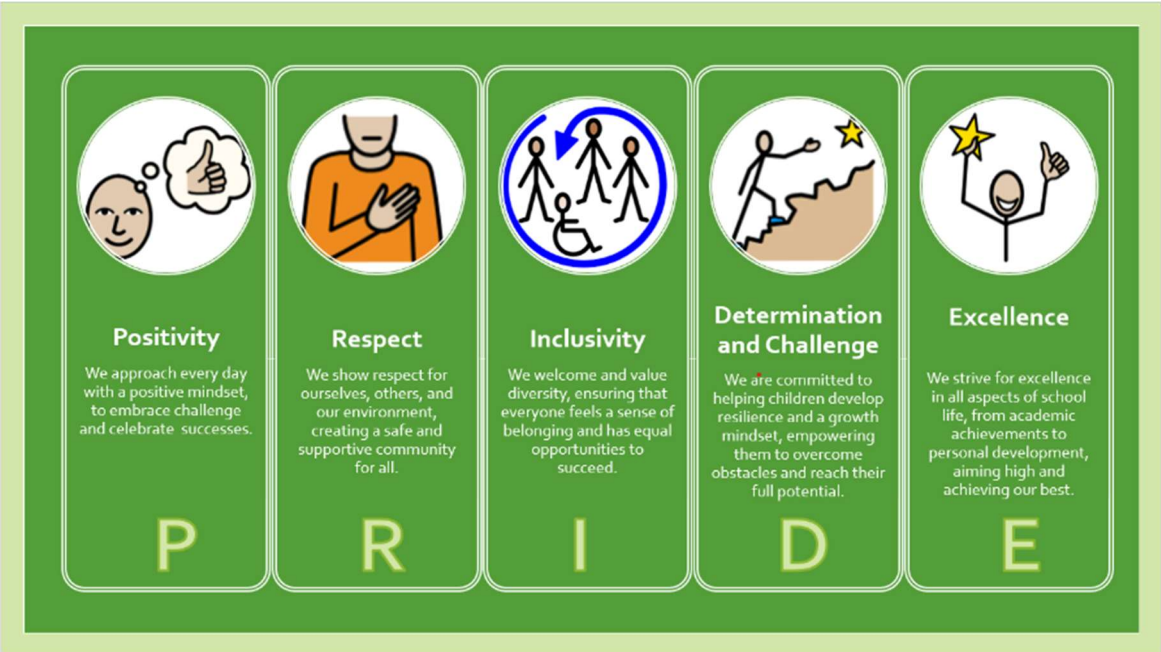
Welcome to Ospreys class for the new school year!

Mr Lowe will be teaching the majority of the week with the exception of Tuesday afternoons which will be taught by Mrs Peach. We are also joined by Mr Spring, Mrs Pederson and Mrs Gardiner, who will be supporting our learners this year.

Below is some class information and a reminder of our Gastrells PRIDE values which underpin our academic and social curriculum. We hope you find it useful and we are looking forward to a fantastic year together.

	Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**
Reading		
Writing	1. Setting Description	1. Diary entry
	2. Character Description	2. Informal letter
Grammar	1. Simple sentence	3. Tense & pronouns
	2. Tense	4. Pronouns & capital letters
Maths	Number and Place Value	Multiplication and Division: Tables
	Geometry: Properties of Shapes	Addition and Subtraction
Science	Animals: Movement and nutrition	Forces and space: Forces and magnets
History		British history 1: Would you prefer to have lived in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?
Geography	Who lives in Antarctica?	

RE	What might Christians learn from the Old Testament about how to live?	Why is Muhammad important to Muslims today?
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing difference
Art	Gestural Drawing with Charcoal	Making Animated Drawings
DT	Electrical systems: Electric poster	Structures: Lanterns
Computing	Computing systems and networks 1: Networks	Programming: Scratch
PE	Gymnastics	Athletics
		Net and Wall
	Invasion games	



Warm wishes,
Mr Lowe

Please may we also remind you of the following:

Morning Arrival

Please ensure that your children arrive promptly at 8.45am as retrieval tasks are set for the initial 15 minutes of each day to support consolidation of learning.

Communication

The school uses text and emails via Eduspot for daily communication. Please keep a daily eye out for messages to be sure you and your children don't miss vital information.
Please keep an eye on your notifications and inform the office team if you have any issues with this platform.

Snack

Children are welcome to bring snacks into school for morning break time. Please remember, snacks should be fruit/vegetables or a healthy cereal bar, not crisps or chocolate/cake bars.
(Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school).

Lunch

Please remember to pre-order your child's hot dinner via ParentPay. Should you forget to order a lunch in time, please contact the main office at your earliest opportunity.

PE/Forest School

For the first half term, Ospreys will have PE on a Wednesday and Forest School on a Monday afternoon. Children can arrive in school dressed for both of these.

Please ensure:

- PE kit is a black t-shirt (Gastrells logo or plain) and skort/shorts, rather than football kits, etc.
- Tracksuit bottoms can be worn in cooler weather
- Long hair should be tied up

Homework

Reading– Reading underpins every area of the curriculum! Please listen to your child read as often as you can and also make time to read aloud to them. This supports their individual reading progress while also allowing them to engage with a broad range of literature and stories.

Spelling – Spellings will be taught in school and will also be available on Spelling Shed every Friday, allowing you to further support your child at home.

Maths – Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS):
We ask that children spend 30 minutes on TTRS across the week, preferably split into shorter sessions of 10–15 minutes.
It is essential that children become fluent and confident with their times tables in order to access their wider maths learning.
Multiplication links to so many mathematical concepts, including fractions, percentages and decimals, which can be particularly challenging without this secure foundation.
Please let us know if you have misplaced any login details or are unable to access your child's account.
We look forward to welcoming your children soon!