

Bridestowe Primary School-  
*'With Respect and Ambition, We Flourish Together'*



**OWLETS LEARNING**

**Magnificent Me! - Autumn 2019**



Dear parents,

A warm welcome to Bridestowe Primary School. I hope your child enjoys their first term as a new Owlet. Our topic for this half term is 'Magnificent Me!'. Your child will be learning about themselves, what makes them unique to others, talking about their families, creating self-portraits and looking at personal history of how they have changed from a baby to now. They will also be learning about school rules and routines, our new school vision and making new friendships in a variety of different contexts across the school.

**Early Reading**

Owlet's home learning will focus on developing children's early reading skills and fostering a love of reading for pleasure. Therefore, we ask that you read with your child at least **five** times a week. As noted in your child's reading diary, this can include their school books, home books, comics, magazines, shopping lists, audiobooks, visits to the library etc. Please date, comment and sign accordingly into your child's reading record, as the children will receive team points for their engagement in reading at home. Your child will also have regular opportunities to read in school with an adult. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week.

**Home Learning Journals**

Your child will come home with their own Home Learning Journal. This is an opportunity for you and your child to display pictures and/or comments of your child's learning in their home environment, partaking in outings and completing personal achievements, linking with the seven areas of learning displayed within the EYFS curriculum. For more information on how you can support your child with this, please visit:

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)

In this pack, you will also find a Home Learning Challenge sheet which is topic tasks related. Please record any of these learning challenges into your child's journal... We hope you enjoy completing them! Your child will have the opportunity to share their Home Learning Journal every half term with their peers. Please can I ask that these are brought back in to share during the last week of each half term.

**Wellie Wednesdays**

On Wednesday afternoons, your child will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning opportunities in our outside and environmental areas. Therefore, please can I ask

that your child has a pair of wellies, alongside a set of old clothes and a waterproof coat to wear (labelled and named please). These can be left on your child's peg during the week.

#### Barney- Our class bear & Star of the Week

Every week, a child will be chosen to be our class star of the week. That child will have special responsibilities such as being the line leader, making sure our cloakroom is kept tidy and handing out personal belongings at the end of the day... these responsibilities will enhance your child's learning of the importance of respect. At the end of the week, your child will also be able to take Barney bear home and take him on your weekend adventures. (Further details will be inside Barney's diary). Please make sure Barney bear is returned by the following Tuesday so your child can share their weekend adventures with the rest of the class.

#### Show and Tell

Your child will have the opportunity to take part in regular Show and Tell sessions. These will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon every week. Please can I ask that your child brings in something which relates to our topic. (Autumn 1- Magnificent Me. Autumn 2- Everyday Heroes).

#### Wow Moments

In this pack, you will see some 'wow moments' slips. Please can I ask that you write down any wow moments your child makes at home, along with any photos and these can be added to our Wow display board to celebrate children's fantastic home learning opportunities!

#### Owl Words

Owl flashcards (letter sounds and tricky words) will be placed into your child's bag when we begin our Letters and Sounds sessions. Please help your child to practise and read these sounds/ words confidently at home in the best way you feel your child will learn them. Owl words will be checked every Thursday afternoon. Please do not worry if your child has the same set for a few weeks. It is more important for your child to be able to read such sounds/ words fluently and be able to use them in different contexts within their learning, before moving onto a new set.

#### Forest School and Music Specialist Teaching

Throughout the autumn term, your child will be involved in forest school sessions with Rob, a Dartmoor Ranger in our environmental area of the school. As I mentioned above for Wellie Wednesdays, please can I ask that your child has a pair of wellies, alongside a set of old clothes and a waterproof coat to wear (labelled and named please).

Alongside this, your child will also be taught by a music specialist on Friday mornings with Tawny Owls... the children thoroughly enjoyed their first session last week!

#### PE Sessions

PE will take place regularly across the week. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a school PE kit and suitable footwear in school all week. We will also be completing daily physical activities (DPA) for 15 minutes each day to ensure every child is active. This will

range from playing on the bikes and trikes/ regular skipping/ ball skill activities and yoga and interactive sessions.

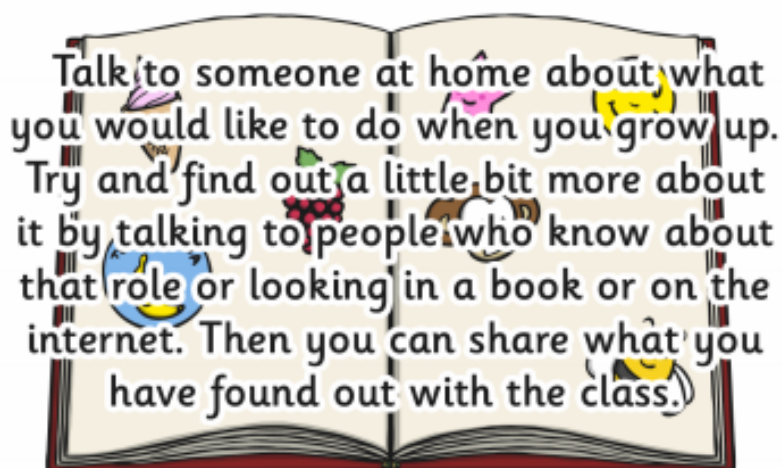
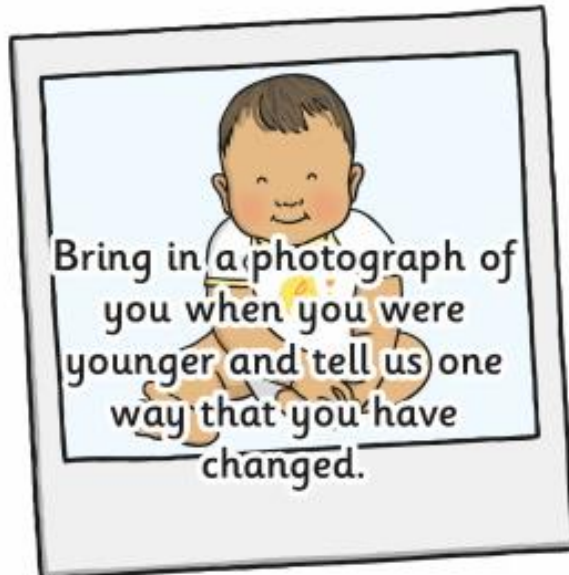
Mrs Houghton and I are very much looking forward to working with your child and are excited for lots of great learning opportunities to take place over the coming months. As always, if you have any further questions, please feel free to come and speak to myself or Mrs Houghton, or contact Mrs Lowden, who will pass on any information to Mr Hill.

Kind regards,

Chloe Stansbury

## Magnificent Me!

### Home Learning Challenges (Reception)



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