



Dear parents/carers,

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

It's been a while...welcome back! I hope you've all stayed safe, healthy and enjoyed your summers. It has been great to get the children back into school, not only the classroom for some in-person learning but to see them enjoying the company of their friends in the playground too. Those new to KS2 have settled in very well, as have those returning in Years 4, 5 and 6.

As we take the first steps towards some 'normal' teaching, the first couple of weeks will serve as a chance for children to adjust to their new classes, establish the routines and any changes in KS2 and to refresh children on anything they may have missed before the summer holidays.

Whilst the priority for the children will always be their safety and wellbeing, filling in any gaps in their learning and getting them readjusted to school will be a strong focus. To that end there will be a strong focus on reading. The school have signed up for Oxford Owl's online e-books which (for the time being at least) provides a broad choice of free books to access on iPads, tablets or laptops.

- Search for 'Oxford reading owl e-books' and click on the first page.
- Click the pink tab 'My class login'
- Username: 'class3readers' Password: "CCClass3" (*case sensitive*)  
'class4readers' Password: "CCClass4" (*case sensitive*)

### Browse the library

A screenshot of the Oxford Owl library interface. It features a 'Show all eBooks' button, a 'Covers' button with a grid icon, and four green dropdown menus for filtering: 'All Ages', 'All Levels', 'Book type', and 'Series'.

- If you choose to filter by 'all levels', select 'book band' for the colour bands children are familiar with.

In keeping with a reduction in items going back and forth from home, homework sheets will not be sent out immediately. Instead, we encourage reading at home and we hope to move any homework online to Google Drive. We have already started logging on with those new to KS2 to familiarise them with this so they can confidently use it from home.

PE in KS2 is on Tuesday and Friday afternoons with both classes being taught separately. We would ask that children come in in appropriate PE kit for the weather conditions. We will always try our best to be outside for PE, though will be in the hall if necessary.

Due to the current circumstances, face-to-face meetings in school aren't happening yet, but if there are any questions you have, please don't hesitate to email me.

Kind regards,

Dave Kirby.