



Reception Team

Mrs Pepler

Miss Hoskins

Miss Head

Curriculum Overview
Term 3 – January 2026

Classes- Owls

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you had a lovely festive time and are now raring to learn again.

This term, our learning will be based around Off into Space! We teach all learning goals through Space based activities which will hopefully bring out all children's curiosity.

Literacy (Reading and Writing)

This term we will be doing two blocks of learning based on the book 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max where we will be thinking and talking confidently about responses to a book, asking questions and making connections with our own experiences. We will be exploring the text through collaborative play; role play and storytelling.

We will continue to follow the Sounds Write phonics programme. They will be learning some new sounds and working on their consolidation of the ones already learnt. We will also continue to blend and segment these sounds to read and write words. The children will really benefit from practising this skill at home by completing the fortnightly homework activity and regular reading. Weekly, the children will be provided with opportunities for free and structured writing.

Mathematics

This term we will be exploring the composition of numbers 6 to 10. We will continue to encourage the children to subitise numbers to 10; recognising amounts of objects without counting. We will also be connecting quantities and numbers to finger patterns and explore different ways of representing numbers on our fingers. We will finish the term by developing our knowledge of special reasoning through looking at different patterns.

Home Learning

It is still essential books, phonemes and keys words are completing home learning tasks in order to consolidate their learning. We will also be sending out some optional home learning challenges for the children to further their engagement with our topic. Children can pick one or two activities and there will be an opportunity to bring in and share towards the end of the term.

Daily	Two Weekly (Alternate)
Regular reading both independently and with an adult/older sibling.	Sounds-Write Homework

Reading

In reception, children will continue to bring home a Sounds-Write specific reading book to read daily at home. The children will only be moved to the next book once they are 90% fluent in reading their Sounds-Write books. Please record that a child has read to somebody at home in their Reading Record. Sounds-Write books will usually be changed early in the week. A reminder we also visit the school library on a Friday to encourage reading for pleasure.

Expectations and responsibilities

PE Kit

In PE we will be focusing on balancing and core strength through a gymnastics programme led by Actove Trowbridge.

PE sessions will be held on the days stated below; however, there will be occasions where we will need to be flexible so, please ensure your child has their PE kit available in school every day.

In their PE bag they should have 1 PE top in their house colour, 1 pair of joggers and/or shorts, a pair of black daps or trainers and a black hoodie or Paxcroft hoodie (if they wish).

Owls – Tuesday afternoon

The children will receive a healthy snack and milk during the morning but please make sure your child brings a named bottle of WATER every day.

Planning time

Each week, the teachers in our phase have planning and preparation time, which they complete out of class. This will be on the following days, with the following cover arrangements:

Mrs Pepler – Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon covered by Miss Hoskins.

As one of our learner's values, we encourage the children's independence in communicating messages; however, any important messages can be communicated via email to the office admin@paxcroft.equamead.org or please feel free to pop in and see us; we hold an open door policy and are more than happy to arrange a convenient time to meet.

We are looking forward to another busy term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Pepler