

Welcome to Snowy Owl Class!

I hope you all had a lovely relaxing summer holiday and are refreshed ready to start the new school year. I am excited to be back in class and I am looking forward to an enjoyable, yet hard working year! In this letter I will give you a brief overview of what we will be covering this term and other information about the day to day running of Snowy Owl Class that I feel will help you to guide your child smoothly through the year ahead. If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please feel free to approach me on the playground at the end of the day or arrange a time to pop in and see me.

Phonics

Phonics will continue very similarly to how it did last year. The children will be told their phonics groups this week and will receive a daily phonics lesson to help improve their reading, spelling and writing. Spellings for the year will correspond with the sounds that your child has been learning in phonics sessions, so don't worry if your child has different spellings to somebody else in the class.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be following the National Curriculum, which covers a wide range of topics and genres for the children to learn about. Our Literacy lessons will involve lots of speaking and listening opportunities as well as reading and writing practice daily. This term will be looking at a range of different fiction and non-fiction texts with a focus on the use of spelling, punctuation and grammar and neat handwriting. Our literacy will also have a link to our lessons in humanities with texts such as *The Runaway Train* and *It was a Cold, Dark Night*.

Maths

Maths lessons will also be developed from the National Curriculum following the White Rose schemes of work. The children will explore maths through many different approaches, including investigation and problem solving.

This term your child will be learning:

Number and Place Value (up to 100)

Addition and Subtraction (2 digit numbers)

Measurement: Money

Multiplication and Division (making equal groups and arrays)

The Rest of the Curriculum at a Glance

RE	Who made the world? Why is Christmas important to Christians?
ICT	Computer skills and programming
Science (1 st ½ term)	Animals including humans
Science (2 nd ½ term)	Seasonal changes
Humanities (1 st ½ term)	Transport
Humanities (2 nd ½ term)	Our local area and safety
Art/DT (1 st ½ term)	Colours in art (1 st half term) Festival art (2 nd half term)
PSHE	Me in my world Celebrating Differences
PE	Throwing and catching; gymnastics

Reading

Guided reading this term will take place predominately on a Friday where children will discuss a range of different stories and information texts in small groups. The children will bring in their weekly 'home' reading books every Monday and will be given new one's on a Wednesday to take back home. Every time your child reads to an adult it is important that this is recorded in their orange reading records. We believe, reading at all ages is very important, however it is vital that during Key Stage 1 children have daily opportunities to read and use their new phonics skills. Although we encourage children to read each school night, if your child has read more than 3 times in a 7 day period they will receive house points. When your child has completed their book, then please indicate this in their reading record and then they will be guided to choose a new book that interests them and is appropriate for their current reading level.

PE

PE lessons this year will take place on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**. Please ensure that your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for these days.

Homework

Maths, Literacy and Spelling Homework will be given every Wednesday and is to be returned by the following Monday. Homework this year will include spellings, a short Maths activity on Mathematics and an exercise on Reading eggs or a reading comprehension task. Spellings will go home in a spelling book where children **must** 'look cover write check' 2 times to practise throughout the week as well as write their spellings into sentences each week (Year 1 may only manage one or two sentences). Children should spend around 15 minutes writing their sentences and should practise their spellings on separate occasions. Spelling books must be returned to school every Monday for homework to be marked and for the children to complete their weekly spelling test.

If homework is not completed, children may miss some of their break to do so.

Mathletics link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

Reading Eggs link: <https://app.readingeggs.com/login>

Stationery

In Snowy Owl class due to the current situation, children will need to bring in their own pencil cases; in these pencil cases they will need to have writing pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, rubber, scissors, whiteboard pens and glue. We still really appreciate donations from parents of resources for all the children to use, for example extra glue sticks, whiteboard pens or rubbers so if you happen to see any going cheap in the supermarkets or have any spare at home, please send them in with your child at any point throughout the year. We will be asking children for any stationery they have brought in during the few first weeks and collating this together into a shared resource for the class later on in the year.

Meet the Teacher Tuesday 28th September

Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers: 8:30pm

This meetings will give you a chance to find out more about the year ahead and ask any questions. This will be a remote meeting with a link emailed to you nearer the time.

Mrs Rosello and I look forward to working in partnership with you. Thank you for all of your support.

Miss Croft and Mrs Rosello

This is the recommended reading list for children in Year 2:

Alien Alby by Kaye Umansky
All Join in by Quentin Blake
Ameila Jane series by Enid Blyton
Arise, Our Rita by Hilda Offen
Baggy Brown by Mick Inkpen
Berenstain Bears by Stan Berenstain
Blossom's Revenge by Adel Geras
Cat Tales by Linda Newbery
Charlie and the Cat flap by Hilary McKay
Cup Run by Martin Waddell
Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne fine
Dilly the Dinosaur by Tony Bradman
Dinosaur Cove by Rex Stone
Dog's New Coat by Margaret Nash
Doughnut Danger by Anthony Masters
Dr Seuss books
Eat Your Peas by Kes Gray
Edwardo, the Horriblest Boy in the World by John Burningham
Eric and the Pimple Potion by Barbara Mitchelhill
Explorer Trauma by Sue Mongredian
Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl
Fat Lawrence by Dick King-Smith
Fergus, the Farmyard Dog by Tony Maddox
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
Flora McQuack by Penny Dolan
Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs
Funnybones by Allan Ahlberg
Gobbolino, the Witch's Cat by Ursula Moray Williams
Gorilla by Anthony Browne
Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
Happy Families Series by Allan Ahlberg
Hopscotch Fairy tales
Horrid Henry series by Francesca Simon
How to Teach a Dragon Manners by Hilary Robinson
I Love You Blue Kangaroo, by Emma Chichester Clarke
Just a bit of Wind by Jeremy Strong
Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer
Little Wolf's Book of Badness by Ian Whybrow
Littlest Dragon series by Margaret Ryan
Magic Lemonade by Joyce Dunbar
Marvin Redpost by Louis Sacher
Marvin's Funny Dance by Sarah McConnell
Matty Mouse by Jenny Nimmo
Measuring Angels by Polly Dunbar
Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter
Muddlepuddle Farm series by Michael Morpurgo
My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards
My Unwilling Witch series by Hiawyn Oram
Ogre Outrage by Shoo Rayner
Oliver's Milk Shake by Vivien French
One Smart Fish by Chris Wormell

Pirate Patch or Titchy Witch series by Rose Impey
Poppy & Max series by Susan Grindley
Rainbow Magic series by Daisy Meadows

Rascal in Danger by Paul Jennings
Recycled by Jillian Powell
Robot Dog by Mark Oliver
Rumply Crumply Stinky Pin by Anholt, Laurence
Septimouse, Big Cheese! by Ann Jungman
Sir Otto by Mick Gowar
Smelly Bill's Wiffy Weekend by Daniel Postgate
Stickie Vicky by Enid Richemont
Story of Bear by Hilary McKay
The Boy Who Climbed to the Moon by David Almond
The Cow That Laid an Egg by Andy Cutbill
The Dumb Bunnies by Dav Pilkey
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
The Magic Backpack by Julia Jarman
The Man whose Mother was a Pirate by Margaret Mahy
The Naughty Fairy series by Nick Ward
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
The Rabbit Problem by Emily Gravett
The Witch's Dog series by Frank Rodgers
This Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown by Cressida Cowell
Three by the Sea by Mini Grey
Tommy Niner and the Moon of Doom, by Tony Bradman
Traction Man is here! by Minnie Gray
Trixie the Witch's Cat by Nick Butterworth
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
Wicked Catch by Rob Childs
Winnie the Witch series by Valerie Thomas

Tadpoles & Leapfrog series both provide a range of titles with appealing stories and illustrations. Most of the above authors produce a wealth of titles and series for this age group.