

Welcome back Snowy Owls!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some time to relax amongst the festivities! Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous and thoughtful gifts Mrs Rosello and I received at the end of last term.

This letter will give you some extra information about what we will be covering this term and any changes there are compared to last term. Remember if at any point 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 write a message in your child's reading record.

Literacy

This term the children will be learning about the topics of Nelson Mandela and Kenya. We will be using this to inspire us to write reports, narrative diaries and sets of instructions. In order to become a successful writer, it is important that children are consistent with basic sentence punctuation (full stops and capital letters) as well as writing in a clear and neat cursive handwriting style. It would be most helpful if you could encourage your child to write at home (about anything that interests them) with a focus on these targets. I would be happy for children to bring in any quality writing they have done to show during Show & Tell.

Phonics

There have been some changes with groupings and teachers this term to make sure that every child is getting the right level of support. Please help us to support your child by continuing to ensure that they practise their spellings at least 3 times, write out sentences containing their spellings and the tricky words (words that do not always follow the normal spelling patterns) and hear them read regularly at home; **once a day** is strongly recommended to help your child to make the most progress. Please sign the reading diary. If your child is stuck on a word, ask them to use their phonic skills to help blend the sounds together.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop the key skills that the children learnt last term.

The areas will we cover this term include:

Multiplication and Division

Statistics

Properties of Shape

Fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$)

It is important that your child can confidently use mental addition and subtraction to recite number bond facts to 10 and 20 (e.g. a quick response to what do you add to 5 to make 17?) and their 2, 5, 10 & 3 times tables. These skills are fundamental to the depth of understanding that children in Key Stage One should develop. It would be extremely beneficial if your child can practise regularly at home.

P.E.

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

these days. This term that includes a warm tracksuit for outside in the cold weather as well as shorts for inside.

Curriculum at a Glance	
History (1 st ½ term)	Nelson Mandela
PSHE	Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me
RE	What is the Good News that Jesus brings?
Science	Everyday Materials and Plants
DT	Cooking
PE	Gymnastics, Athletics and Multiskills
Geography (2 nd ½ term)	Kenya
Art	Patterns in Buildings, Puppets
ICT	eBooks and using the web

Please see the grids “This Half Term” for more detail about the curriculum in each year group.

Homework

A reminder that all children are given their **Maths homework** on Mathematics on a Wednesday along with a **reading comprehension task or Reading Eggs activity**. Children are expected to have completed this (normally 2 activities) by the following Monday. They will also bring new **spellings** home on a Wednesday and these need to be returned the following Monday with spellings practised ready for their test. Please ensure your child practices their spellings in their spelling book **3 times** interspersed throughout the time period and writes their sentences in the book so I am able to see their progression.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a **named** and filled water bottle into school with them each day so that they can drink regularly throughout the day.

Labelling

Please ensure that all belongings (uniform, coats, lunch boxes, book bags, snack boxes, water bottles etc) are clearly labelled with your child’s name. This not only helps your child to recognise their name and locate their own belongings, but also enables misplaced items to be easily identified and returned! Last term we continued to have items that were not named. There will be a lost property box for KS1 located in the outdoor area at the back of Barn Owls classroom.

Stationery

We would be delighted to receive any kind donations of stationery for use in Snowy Owls. We really appreciate any donations of extra glue sticks, whiteboard pens, high quality pencils or rubbers, as they keep our forever-dwindling stocks topped up. If you happen to see any going cheap in the supermarkets or have any spare at home then please send them in. We would be most grateful!

A final thank you

Thank you for all your support last term with homework and all the work you do with your children at home. We are looking forward to another school term.

Miss Croft and Mrs Rosello