

Snowy Owls Summer Term 2022

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had some time to relax and enjoy the sunshine! Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the hard work you have been doing at home with your children - it is really appreciated.

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 Homes from the Past and the Seaside. We will be using this to inspire us to write stories, recounts of events and information leaflets.

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 handwriting style. Year 2s should be aiming to join up their handwriting; Year 1s need to focus on accurate letter formation. 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 phonics patterns) and hear them read regularly at home; **once a day** is strongly recommended to help your child to make the most progress. 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:

Measurement: Length and Height

Geometry: Position and Direction

Measurement: Time

Measurement: Mass, Capacity and Temperature

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 practised regularly at home.

P.E.

Just a reminder that PE lessons this term will take place on **Wednesday and Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for these days. Children may still wish to bring in a tracksuit in case of cold weather as well as shorts.

Spring term Curriculum	
History (1 st ½ term)	Homes from the Past
PSHE	Relationships, Changing me
RE	Judaism, What do Christians believe God is like?
Science	Animals including Humans and Materials
Art/DT	Artists and their different styles/techniques Mother nature in art
PE	Invasion games and multi-skills
Geography (2 nd ½ term)	The Seaside
ICT	eBooks and digital cards
Music	Zoo time and Classical

Homework

This term all children will be given their **Maths homework** on Mathletics on a Monday as well as needing to complete a task on Reading Eggs/Eggspress or a comprehension sheet that will be sent home. Children are expected to have completed these (normally 2 activities) by the following Monday. They will also bring new **spellings** home on a Monday and these need to be returned the following Monday with spellings practised ready for their test. Please ensure your child practises their spellings in their spelling book **3 times** interspersed throughout the time period and also has a go at putting the spellings into sentences so I am able to see their progression.

Pencil cases

Thank you for providing your child with a clear pencil case. A guide pencil cases should contain: 3 x writing pencils 1x whiteboard pen, a rubber, glue stick, scissors and ruler. We have plenty of colouring pencils, crayons and pens at school the children can use. Clear pencil cases are used by all children in the school.

Helpers needed please

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with making puppets last term in art and those who helped during the sports trips. The children were thrilled and it was fantastic to have the local community back into school.

We are looking forward to welcoming any volunteers back into school after Covid and would be delighted if you were able to volunteer to help listen to children in Snowy Owls read. This regular practice is very important and it is such a wonderful activity to enjoy books together. If you would like to volunteer (9 – 9.30 a.m or 2.30 – 3 p.m), please email the school office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead.

Miss Croft and Mrs Rosello