

Snowy Owls Newsletter Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had some time to relax and enjoy the sunshine! Firstly, we 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 us, please feel free to approach us 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 Neil Armstrong and Continents. We will be using these topics 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 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. We would be happy for children to bring in any quality writing they have done to show during Show & Tell.

Phonics update

We continue this term with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. Year 1 children will come home with a weekly home learning sheet detailing all the sounds we are teaching and words/sentences. Do read this and support your child at home to write and read the sounds. Just a few minutes a day makes a huge difference to their confidence.

There will be a Year 1 phonics information session informing parents about the Year 1 phonics test on Wednesday 24th May at 3:15 (creche available). In the meantime, you can read about Little Wandle here

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Please help us to support your child in both Year 1 and Year 2 by continuing to ensure that they practise their spellings at least 3 times, write out sentences containing their spelling and the tricky words (words that do not always follow the normal spelling patterns) and hear them read regularly at home. Although we ask for

three times each week, **once a day** is even better 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:

Number: Fractions

Measurement: Time

Statistics

Geometry: Position and Direction

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 times tables. These skills are fundamental to the depth of understanding that children in Key Stage One should develop. Please support your child to practise regularly at home.

PE

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

The rest of the curriculum at a glance

History (1 st ½ term)	Neil Armstrong
PSHE	Relationships, Changing me
RE	Judaism, What do Christians believe God is like?
Science	Animals including Humans and Living things
Art/DT	Recycling Art; Sculptures
PE	Invasion games
Geography (2 nd ½ term)	Continents
Computing	Emails and Data handling
Music	Zoo time and Classical

Home learning

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. As 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.

If you have any questions, please do come and chat after school on the playground. Alternatively, if you have anything you wish to be passed onto staff in the morning that may affect your child's day, email or ring the school office and they will communicate this to us promptly.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Kind regards,

Miss Croft and the KS1 team.