

Snowy Owls - Summer Term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had some time to relax and enjoy being together! Many thanks for the Easter treats, Mrs Mann and I received.

This letter will give you some extra information about what we will be covering this term and any changes that may take place. Remember if at any point you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, 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 the topics of Neil Armstrong and Continents. We will be using this to inspire us to write Newspaper reports about the Apollo 11 landing, story writing and imperative (bossy verbs). We will focus on homophones during grammar lessons. Later in the term, we will be writing letters to our link school in Kirongo, exploring poetry and writing stories based on the book Meerkat Mail.

To become a successful writer, it is important that children are consistent with basic sentence punctuation (full stops and capital letters) and we will continue our regular editing sessions to help children develop the skills in self-correction. Whole class reading sessions will take place weekly with Year 2 and Year 1 read 3 x weekly in line with our Little Wandle scheme. Thank you all for your support with reading at home. Mrs Mann, our parent volunteers and I listen to children in the class read regularly.

Reading books

We recently purchased some new books for Barn Owls and Snowy Owls because our stock had become very low due to books not being returned each week.

Could we kindly ask that any reading books are returned to school on Mondays where staff will log that they have been returned and new books handed out. Sadly, if books are not returned, we will not be able to issue new ones until they are. This is to avoid us having to re stock again at great cost to the school. Thank you for your support in this area.

Year 1 Phonics

The children in Year 1 will be working towards their phonics test this term so do practise little and often, just five minutes a day makes a huge difference, and their confidence will grow too. Year 1 children will have a home learning sheet with all the sounds and sentences we are writing during the sessions sent home with their spelling books each Tuesday. Please use the sheet to help your child become familiar with the sounds and practise writing the sentences.

Year 2 Spelling and grammar

Following on from the success of our Little Wandle phonics scheme year 2 children will now have daily lessons from the Little Wandle spelling and grammar scheme in preparation for year three. We began this earlier in the year, and the children have worked hard learning new spelling patterns.

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 spelling 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. If your child is stuck on a word, ask them to use their phonic skills to help blend the sounds together.

Maths

We will continue to use the Maths White Rose scheme this term.

Measurement: Money

Number: Fractions

Measurement: Time

Measurement: Mass, capacity and temperature

Geometry: Position and Direction

The rest of the curriculum at a glance

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| PSHCE | Relationships Changing me |
| RE | Judaism, What do Christians believe God is like? |
| Science | Animals including Humans What do animals need to survive? Living things, food chains |
| Computing | Emails Data handling |
| History (1 st ½ term) | Neil Armstrong |
| Geography (2 nd ½ term) | Continents |
| Art/DT | Recycling and Eco Art Sculptures |
| PE | Hockey, cricket, basketball and football. |
| Music | Classical Zoo time |

PE

Just a reminder that PE lessons this term will take place on **Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons**. 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. Mr Smith will continue to teach PE on Wednesdays, and I will teach PE on Fridays.

Pencil cases

Children will no longer require pencil cases in school this term. Before Covid children in KS1 used to share whole class resources in baskets on their tables. This maximises table space and helps the children to remain focused on learning rather than who may be looking or wanting items in their pencil cases. We have a whole class set of writing pencils, whiteboard pens, colouring pencils, felt pens and crayons. We would be very grateful indeed for generous donations of writing pencils, glue sticks and colouring pencils if you do see any on offer as our stocks do go down quite quickly! These will be shared within the class, and we do appreciate your understanding with us returning to how we originally used whole class resources pre Covid.

Home learning

This term all home learning will be set on a Tuesday for completion the following Monday. This includes, spelling, reading books, Athletics and literacy sent via either email or on paper in bookbags. Reading eggs will no longer be used in school. Please continue to practise spelling 3 x weekly and write out spelling sentences to include your spelling words.

We have an exciting term ahead.

Wellington Park trip 13th May

Sports Day 20th June

Oxford Science Day 23rd June

Indian dance workshop 14th July

Volunteers needed please

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who regularly give up their free time to listen to snowy Owls read. We do enjoy welcoming visitors to the class and the children so enjoy seeing other people in class. If you have any spare time once a week to listen to children read from 8.45 – 9.15 a.m. or 2.30 – 3.15p.m, please either email the office or come and speak to us at the end of the day.

A final thanks to all the parents who volunteered on our trips and during cookery day last term. We do appreciate your time, and these events would not be able to take place without you. Do consider helping our superb PTA too because they fund our trips providing excellent memories for the children.

After the success of secret reader last year, we are hoping to roll this out across Key Stage one during the summer term. Watch this space for more information! 😊

***Many thanks for your continued support in all areas of your child's school life.
We look forward to seeing Snowy Owls thrive during this final summer term of
the academic year.***

Mrs Thomson and KS1 team