

Snowy Owls - January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some time to relax amongst the festivities! Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous and thoughtful gifts Mrs Mann 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 that will be taking place. 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 building on their writing skills from the autumn term and embedding them through various writing activities, including making book covers, letters, setting descriptions and character descriptions. We will also be linking some of our literacy to humanities where we will complete fact files on both Florence Nightingale and Kenya. We will be writing letters to our link school in Kirongo and hopefully receive a reply! Additionally, children will be encouraged to use conjunctions (and, so, but) and begin using subordination (because, if, when) throughout different writing genres. 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. This term we will continue to learn cursive letter shapes in our handwriting books.

Little Wandle

This term I will continue to teach Little Wandle to Year One children and Mrs Beaumont will teach Little Wandle grammar and spelling to Year Two children. Both year groups will bring home spellings weekly. Spelling tests will take place on Mondays so please do ensure your child brings their spelling book to school each Monday please.

Maths

The areas we will cover this term include:

Addition and subtraction within 100
Multiplication and Division
Measurement: Length and Height
Statistics

How you can help at home

It is important that your child can confidently use mental addition and subtraction to recite number bond facts to 10 and 20. The following website has some great games to develop

children's skills using number bonds and beyond plus a range of games to develop multiplication skills. The children can develop confidence using this and then you can challenge them with quick fire questions, such as, "What do I add to 5 to make 17?" or "Tell me a number bond to 20 in 5 seconds." 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. Do have fun with it.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

P.E.

Just a reminder that PE lessons this term will take place on **Wednesday Mornings and Monday afternoons (Spring 1 is Forest School on a Friday and Spring 2 (after half term) will be PE on a Friday)** Please ensure that your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for these days. Children may wear a tracksuit for PE in the cold weather and heating will be on in the school hall for lessons.

Mr Smith will continue to teach PE Wednesday mornings. Mrs Hyndman will continue to teach Snowy Owls RE on a Wednesday morning.

The rest of the curriculum at a glance:	
History (1 st ½ term)	Florence Nightingale
PSHE	Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me
RE	What is the good news Jesus brings? Why does Easter matter to Christians?
Science	Materials – brilliant builders Plants – Growing things
DT	Cookery day March 2025
PE	Multi-skills and Parachute games
Geography (2 nd ½ term)	Kenya
Art	Materials Recycling and environmental art
ICT	We are photographers - photography We are researchers – researching
Music	Round and Round Friendship Song

Home learning

Mathletics will be set each Tuesday for completion the following Monday and literacy homework on the same day. Literacy will be a mix of Reading Eggs and paper homework so do check your child's book bag for this. 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**. Please can both Year One and Year Two children write spelling sentences out to include the words on their list.

Reading volunteers

Thank you to the parent volunteers who came in last term to hear the children read. If you can volunteer one morning from 8.45 – 9.05 am or one afternoon 2.45 – 3.15 pm, please come and speak to us. We would be thrilled to welcome you to Snowy Owls. The children benefit from regular reading and love to see a visitor, rather than listening to us all the time!

Some final reminders

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to use as they are actively encouraged to have a drink throughout the day. Please bring appropriate clothing for the weather and remember gloves on elastic threaded through coats does stop them getting lost! I would be most grateful if gloves and hats are clearly named to help quick identification. Do encourage your child to practise putting on gloves themselves.

Yes please!

If you would like to donate some shared supplies of pencils, glue sticks, whiteboard pens and rubbers to Snowy Owls, we would be very grateful. We regularly use these items and they run out quickly.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your continued support last term with home learning and all the work you do with your children at home. We are looking forward to the spring term and working as a team. It is always a pleasure to see the children grow in courage, kindness and respect as we hit the midpoint in the academic year during spring term.

***We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this year.
Thank you for all your support.***

Mrs Thomson and Mrs Mann