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Snowy Owls Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term

Welcome to Snowy Owls Class. We are looking forward to another busy term and have lots of fun things planned.

This year, Mrs Norman is teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with Mrs Hutchinson teaching on Friday. In addition, Mrs. Friday covers planning time on a Thursday afternoon; Mrs. Nash teaches Yoga on Thursday, and Owen teaches PE on Friday afternoons.

A few reminders for you:

- All equipment is provided in the classroom. Your child only needs to bring a water bottle, their reading book and reading record sheet each day. Please do not allow your child to bring in pencil cases, fidget toys, or keyrings.
- The only drink in the water bottle should be water. **Please, no juice or squash.** Also, water bottles should not be those with aerator-style caps which provide a smell of fruit.
- Snacks are no longer provided in Key Stage 2. If your child would like a snack at breaktime, this needs to be sent in with them. Thank you for supporting our healthy eating policy by only sending fruit or vegetables for snack time.
- Universal Free School Meals are not provided in Key Stage 2, and you will be charged for any meals ordered unless you are entitled to Free School Dinners. Please see the office team if you think you may be entitled to this. You need to be in receipt of Universal Tax Credits to be eligible.
- Please ensure your child has all black shoes or trainers for school. They need trainers for PE. A pair of wellington boots should be brought into school so they can be used on the field and on the playground if the weather is very wet.

Curriculum

Our school curriculum has recently been updated, so you may find that some topics are being revisited this year. Please be assured that if we are revisiting a topic your child has done before, it will be sufficiently different and challenging for your child!

The updated curriculum plans will soon be added to the school's website, so you can see an overview of the topics across the two-year cycle.

As part of our curriculum changes, we will have a whole school question to help us bring together our learning across the school.

This term's big question is:

Where did I come from and how did I get here?

Maths	Place value and number, area and the four number operations
English	Our focus books are: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and Stone Age Boy Our focus is on writing to inform or explain and writing to entertain. Spelling, grammar and handwriting
Science	Living Things and Their Habitats
RE	Christianity
PSHE	Being me in my world and celebrating differences
History	Stone Age to Iron Age
Art and DT	Creating a woolly mammoth. Focus on cutting and joining skills as well as using papier mache.
PE	Invasion games and yoga
Music	Singing, listening to and creating music

PE this term will be on a Thursday and a Friday, so children will need to **come to school in their PE kit** on those days. Thank you for following our uniform policy for PE and ensuring no hoodies are worn. Earrings should not be worn on these days but if they are, then children should know how to remove them safely themselves or be sent into school with tape to cover their earrings up.

Homework

No topic-based homework is set in Year 3 and 4, however, there is an expectation that children read as often as possible, learn spellings and times tables each week.

On a Monday, a sheet will be sent home with spellings, times tables and reading records for the week ahead.

Spellings and times tables will both be tested on Monday afternoon. Children will have opportunities to learn these in school but should also practise regularly at home.

Communication

Class Dojo is the main form of communication we use to send messages to the whole class at once. We will also use this to share photographs and updates of what the children have been doing in class. Please do check it regularly so you are up to date with any changes to the usual routine.

Mrs Hutchinson and I are always available at the door at the beginning and the end of the day if you have a query or concern which can be dealt with quickly. If you have a more complicated issue or one that can't be discussed at the door, please email the office and we can arrange a suitable time to meet.

With very best wishes for a very happy term,

Kate Norman and Sarah Hutchinson

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