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Snowy Owls Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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 each day. Please no 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 in fruit or vegetables for snack time.
- The uniform policy was tweaked in the final weeks of last term and a reminder has been in the first newsletter of the term. Please ensure your child has black shoes or trainers only for school. They need trainers for PE and should have a pair of wellington boots in school at all times in case it is very wet for playtime and outdoor learning.

In our class this term, we will be learning about the following:

Maths	Place value and number, 3D shapes and the four number operations.
English	The Great Kapok Tree and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Persuasive letter writing, newspaper reports, information reports, character and setting descriptions, poetry. Spelling, grammar and handwriting
Science	Layers of the rainforest and the animals that live there. States of matter.
RE	Hinduism and Christianity
PSHE	Being me in my world and celebrating differences
Geography	Rainforest locations and physical features
History	How we grew to love chocolate!
Art and DT	Study of the artist Henri Rousseau. Drawing plants and animals from the rainforest and designing and making packaging for a chocolate bar.
PE	Invasion games and swimming
Music	Singing, listening to and creating music

PE this term will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 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.

Homework.

Homework books will be sent home for children to keep all homework tasks together. The expectations for homework in year 3 and 4 are as follows:

Reading- at least 10 minutes, five times each week. There are reading challenges to be completed in the homework book. Reading records are also being sent out which should be completed regularly.

Maths- Maths homework is set every Friday on Doodle Maths. Please let me know if your child does not have a login.

Spelling- Spellings will be glued into homework books each week on a Monday.

There will be opportunities in school to practice them, but these should also be practiced at home. Children will be tested on their spellings on the Friday of the same week. Spelling test results are kept in school, but we will let you know if your child is finding them tricky.

Occasionally there will be small tasks set which link to different areas of the curriculum. Last year these involved looking something up or bringing something into school. I will put these onto Class Dojo as well as ask the children to make a note in their homework books.

I will use Class Dojo to keep you up to date with what is happening in Snowy Owls Class so do let me know if you are struggling to log in or if you haven't yet signed up.

I am 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