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Dear Parents,

Snowy Owls Curriculum Letter

Welcome to the Summer Term!

We have had a jam-packed first couple of weeks back into this term. We have launched our new topic which is Anglo-Saxons and the children have been very excited to learn about the grisly tale of Beowulf! You may have heard some of the gory details at home!

This term we will be covering the following areas:

Maths	Decimals, including mass, capacity and time, properties of shape, statistics and position and direction. We will also be practicing our times tables, a lot!
English	Biographies, Diary entries, myths and legends, Poetry
Science	Electricity and Circuits, Grouping animals
RE	Judaism and Christianity
PSHE	Being me in my world and celebrating differences
Humanities	The Anglo Saxons and Vikings
Art and DT	Anglo Saxon weaving and jewellery
PE	Striking and fielding games and athletics.
Music	Singing, playing the recorder, listening to music and creating music

PE

PE this term will be on Thursdays. **In a change to the usual arrangements, please ensure your child comes to school on that day already in their PE kit.** They should wear burgundy T-shirt and burgundy shorts and a pair of trainers, suitable for PE outside. If the weather is cold, please ensure they also wear a pair of black or burgundy jogging bottoms and their school sweatshirt or fleece. *Please do not send your child to school in any other fleece or hoodies as these are not part of our uniform policy.*

Homework

Each week the children have reading, maths and spelling homework. The spellings for the whole half term have already been sent out and the spelling tests will be on Mondays. Please ask for another sheet if you need one. The maths homework is all set online on Friday afternoons.

Please see the table below for a suggestion on how to complete:

	Reading	Doodle Maths (online) or times tables practice for year 4.	Spelling
Monday	10 mins	15 mins	10 mins
Tuesday	10 mins	15 mins	
Wednesday	10 mins		10 mins
Thursday	10 mins	15 mins	
Friday	10 mins		10 mins

Reading at Home I cannot overstate the importance of reading at home as well as in school. If you have a reluctant reader, please speak to me as I can help with ideas to re-engage them. Children should have at least five short entries in their reading record each week and should complete a book review at least once each half term. They should also be changing their books at least once each week, more often if they are a speedy reader.

Times Tables

For year four children, I would highly recommend that they practise times tables up to 12x12. They will be taking the statutory multiplication check in June and, while we never 'teach to a test' we want the children to feel they have achieved a level they are proud of. Purple Mash has some excellent times tables games as well as something which feels more like the check they will need to complete. You should have already received a parent's information leaflet about this but do let me know if you have any questions or if you would like the leaflet printing out.

Class Dojo.

As a school, we launched the use of Class Dojo as a way of communicating with you and to share some of the work we do. Miss Chandler sent out log ins for everyone and some of you have signed up. Unfortunately, it is not possible to swap teachers on this site without setting up the class again. As a result, I will be sending out new log-in details to you all next week, so we can start again. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Pencil Cases

I have really appreciated your support in not sending in pencil cases and other stationary from home this term. The children have more space to work at their tables without additional pencil cases and the number of lost items has reduced significantly!

If you have any concerns or queries, please do speak to me at the beginning or the end of the day. If your enquiry needs a bit longer, then do email the office and ask to speak to me. I will do my best to either call you or arrange a time with you for us to meet.

Your continued support for our class is very much appreciated. Here's to a fabulously fun final term!

Best wishes,
Kate Norman