

Snowy Owls Spring Half Term Two Class Newsletter

Teacher: Mr Griffiths



Y5 have come back to school with a great work ethic. They have had a great start to the half term, well done Y5.

Whole School Christian Value of the half term: **Forgiveness**

"Without forgiveness there is no future.... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person." Desmond Tutu.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths
Afternoon	Miss Richardson (every fortnight)	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	External Music Teacher & Miss Richardson	Mr Griffiths

Whole School Theme – Let's Explore the World

Our theme in Geography is Maps. During the topic we will be learning about Longitude & Latitude, Hemispheres & Time Zones, how to read a map and mapping the world. Our theme of Maps will be integrated across a range of other subjects this half term.

In Guided Reading we will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. In Maths, we will be finishing off long multiplication and division before we start Decimals & Percentages which will include ordering, comparing and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number.

Our Science topic for this half term is Living Things & their Habitats, in which we will be observing over time in order to learn about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects & birds. We will also be looking at reproduction in animals and plants.

In P.E. we will be doing athletics. In R.E. we will be exploring the question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?' and in Computing, the children will be learning about data, databases and information. During our PSHE lessons this term we will be learning about how to stay healthy, whilst in Art we will be looking at Erte's Art Deco designs.

Y5 will also be having Music lessons with an external teacher on Thursday afternoons. Y5 P.E. lesson will also be on Thursday afternoons, so **children are required to come into school in P.E. kit on Thursdays please.**

AR

Children should continue to read regularly at home to help their comprehension skills, writing and spelling please. Your children should bring their AR books to school every day.

They will take a STAR reading quiz at the beginning of each half term to revise their coloured book band and have the opportunity to take AR quizzes on Wednesdays. All children have quiet reading time daily at the end of the day and a Guided Reading lesson every day.

Maths

Arithmetic

Daily Arithmetic: TARGET MATHS

Multiplication & Division

Multiply up to a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number

Multiply a 2-digit number by a 2-digit number

Multiply a 3-digit number by a 2-digit number

Multiply a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number

Solve problems with multiplication

Short division

Divide a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number

Divide with remainders

Efficient division

Solve problems with multiplication & division

Decimals & Percentages

Decimals up to two decimal places

Equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths)

Equivalent fractions and decimals (hundredths)

Equivalent fractions and decimals

Thousandths as fractions

Thousandths as decimals

Thousandths on a place value chart

Order & compare decimals

English

Writing

Legend & Missing Chapters.

Guided Reading

'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell

Grammar and Punctuation:

Commas

Subjunctive form

Subordinate Clauses

Spellings

Using dictionaries and thesauruses

Words with the 'ough' letter string

Silent letters

Etymology (the origin of words)

Words with the 'able' and 'ible' letter string

Homophones

Personal spellings

Routines/responsibilities

- Please can you ensure that children have a **suitable pair of labelled black pumps** to wear as indoor shoes and that **water bottles are labelled**, brought into school daily and kept on children's desks.
- Please can you ensure that children come to school in full **PE kit** on Thursday.

Homework

- Please can children practise reading, spelling and times-tables on a daily basis and ensure that they are listened to at least once weekly.
- A list of spellings will be sent home to practice weekly as well as times tables to learn. Homework will be sent home on Friday.
- Subject specific homework will be sent home weekly.

It has been wonderful to get stuck in with Y5 this week. I am looking forward to working with Y5 this half term.

Mr Griffiths.