



April 2024

Dear Owl Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term.

Our learning this term

This half-term, we will be taking '*A Journey through India*', learning about the climate of India and the diversity of its physical features. Our learning will also give us the opportunity to learn about India's culture, food, contrasting lifestyles and environments. After half-term we will culminate this year's history learning with our final instalment of '*Invaders and Settlers: The Vikings*.' This will consolidate the children's learning of one thousand years of British history.

Within these topics, the children will continue to use a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry with a focus on information texts, letter writing as well as stories from other cultures.

This term, in Maths we will be developing our understanding of decimals, telling the time and fractions. Times Tables is a main focus for this term as it is the national expectation that all children will know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 and be confident with rapid and random recall by the end of Year 4. All the children will take part in an online test next half term so lots of practise on the below weblinks will be really helpful.

Useful websites for Times Tables Y4

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

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

PE

PE on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Children need to have an outdoor games kit in school. This should consist of:

- a warm tracksuit (a dark colour may be preferable as the field gets muddy)
- T-shirt;
- a pair of extra socks; trainers (and a plastic bag for storing them when muddy).

This kit will obviously change as the weather improves and gets warmer.

Music

Brass lessons continue on Mondays with Mr Rowe.

Just a final reminder about Home learning.

- Each Friday, a reading comprehension/SPAG activity and a Maths activity will be set on OneNote to reinforce class learning.

- Times tables must be practised regularly - daily would be amazing! The year 4 national test is at the beginning of June.
- Spelling: Each child needs to continue to practise their spellings at home each week as they are expected to know all the words from the year 3/4 list by the end of July and use and apply them in their independent writing. Spellings will continue to be given on Monday and tested the following Monday.
- Reading to you and with you, and discussing the text is very important for your child's reading development throughout KS2. Reading to your child is also very important and enjoyable, we know how much the children love this in class.

Your continuing support and interest in all we do in class is invaluable to your child's learning. If there are any issues or questions that you would like to speak to us about, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email for any non-urgent issues, the class email address is owls@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk. Please note this email account will **not** be checked daily.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter all about our exciting term of learning.

Mrs Pentney, Mrs Coburn & The Owl Team ☺