



Dear Owl Class Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a very big thank you for the lovely presents. We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and enjoyable 2026!

Our learning this term

This term, we are learning about '*Settlers and Settlements*.' Chronologically following our recent learning about Romans, this theme introduces children to the way in which settlements develop over time and how early settlers founded many of the villages or towns we know today. We will combine learning about Anglo-Saxons in Britain with geographical work on the development of settlements.

Within this topic, the children will continue to use a range of texts to extend their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills with a particular focus on persuasive letter writing, non-chronological reports and narratives. Reading is a vital part of all learning and, over time, reading at home will have a big impact on your child's progress.

For our school trip, we will be visiting West Stow and further information regarding this will follow.

In Maths, we will be continuing our understanding of multiplication and division, using all times tables and relating children's understanding of division to fractions. It is **crucial** that they continue to learn and practise their times tables so that they are well-prepared for the National Multiplication Check in May. For this, they will be tested on quick recall of **ALL** times tables up to 12x12. It would be a great idea to test your child on a few tables on the way to and from school every day. There are lots of games and songs which the children know that can be played at home to help them consolidate their learning.

PE

PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays

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).

Music

Brass lessons continue on Mondays with Mr Rowe.

Just a final reminder about Home learning.

- Times tables must be practised regularly – daily would be amazing!
- Spelling will be set each Friday
- Reading to you and with you, and discussing the text is very important for your child's reading development throughout KS2.

Your continued support and interest in all we do in class is invaluable to your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have anything that you would like to speak to us

about. 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 Sturgeon & The Owl Team 😊