



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 2024!

Our learning this term

This term our learning is inspired by the theme of '*Settlers and Settlements*.' This introduces children to how settlements develop over time and how early settlers started 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 and listening, reading and writing skills with a particular focus on non-chronological reports and instructions. As reading is such an important part of all learning, reading at home is very important and reading every day will help your child with their progress.

We will be going to West Stow in the second half term, further information regarding this will follow.

In maths, we will be continuing our understanding of multiplication and division, using all times tables, and relate their understanding of division to fractions. It is so important that they continue to learn or practise their times tables with the expectation by the end of the year that the children know **ALL** their times tables up to 12x12. There are lots of games and songs which the children know which they can play at home to help them consolidate their learning of the times tables. Try out hit the button which is a class favourite.

<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).

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 Teams to reinforce class learning.
- Times tables must be practised regularly – daily would be amazing!
- Spelling of tricky words need to be practised daily and spellings will be tested each week on Mondays.

- 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 ☺