

Great Whelnetham  
Church of England Primary School  
*By growing together, we become the best we can be'*

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**Owls Class Letter Autumn Term (1)**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have already started this term very successfully with trips and new learning. This letter outlines the subject areas we are studying for the first part of this term.

**Maths**

We are deepening our understanding of place value of 4 digit numbers and beyond, as well as developing calculation skills linked addition and subtraction. Students will apply these skills to problem solving, reasoning and mastery.

**Literacy**

This term, to support our topic of adventure on the Vikings, we are studying Viking myths as our fictional literacy genre. The children will also be developing their grammatical skills to write their own myths. They will then study explanation texts as their non-fiction focus. For guided reading we are studying the book *The Silver Sword* as our fictional text and facts about Vikings for non-fiction.

**Topic**

Our topic focus, which incorporates History and Geography, is also Viking focussed. The children will learn about invasion and settlement, the general life styles of the Vikings and their impact on today.

**Science**

Our Science focus is aspects of sound and how it is produced. We have already received some fantastic musical instruments as a homework assignment which skillfully show how vibration causes sound.

**Religious Education**

Our RE theme is Salvation, why Christians believe Jesus is our Saviour and how this can save and inspire others.

**French**

Students will familiarise themselves with the French alphabet and learn how to discuss features of where we live in French.

**Art**

Our Art will be inspired by artists working in different styles, such as Lowry, O'Keefe, Seurat and Monet. The children will then be able to compare different styles and techniques.

**PE**

The children will be doing PE on Mondays and Tuesday or Wednesday each week and are doing netball and rugby. Please ensure your child always has a suitable kit in school

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*Values for Life: Compassion, Courage, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Hope, Peace, Thankfulness, Creativity, Forgiveness, Humility and Justice.*

### **Homework and Spelling**

Homework assignments will be given each week on Wednesdays to be returned by the following Monday. Spellings will be given out on Fridays each week and tested the following Friday.

### **Supporting your Child's Learning**

As always, daily reading is a really important factor in your child's progress as it supports general learning about different subjects and improves use of vocabulary and writing skills. Please hear your child read as often as possible, or, if already fluent, discuss the content of your child's reading with them to deepen their understanding of a variety of texts.

This year, Year 4 children will be tested on their times tables as part of a national drive to improve rapid recall of them. Frequent opportunities to test tables, repeat them aloud or to use a range of interactive resources that are available will support the work we are doing in school to secure knowledge.

### **Equipment in School**

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack and a water bottle in school each day. As it is Autumn, they will also need wellington boots so they can play on the field. Please make use of their school diary to record reading and to communicate with us.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to see either of us after school to discuss them. We are looking forward to a successful half term's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Lockwood

