

Autumn Term 2026 Curriculum Overview for Snowy Owls

English

Our first book is 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. In this topic we will look at narrative writing, lists, recipes and using formal language.

Next is 'How to be a Viking'. In this topic we will focus on narrative writing, creating a summary, and making a fact file.

After this is our 'non-fiction unit (Persuasive adverts and persuasive letters)'. We will focus on slogans, rhyme onomatopoeia, rhetorical questions and exaggeration

'How to train a dragon' is the next book. We will again be focussing on narrative writing but this time it will be in first person. We will also be writing a non-chronological report

The last unit is based on the video 'Viking Village.' To finish the term we will be developing our descriptive language, our instruction writing and again writing a narrative

Alongside English we will also be having daily SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) where we will practice the rules of English and develop our understanding of spelling patterns.

History

Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. Snowy Owls will sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife, and fear reigned. We will find out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from.

Computer Science

The 'Visual Programming - Game Making' unit of work will introduce Snowy Owls to new key words as well as consolidating previous ones. The key words in this unit include sequence, background, record, interact and trigger.

We will use Scratch Jr to create games using visual code.

Design & Technology

Preserve IT!

We will learn how food is kept fresh and safe through effective packaging. We will explore healthy snacks, investigate food packaging and nets, and learn how a flat net forms a 3D package. Using this knowledge, we will design, make, and evaluate packaging for a healthy snack, refining our ideas through testing and reflection

PSHE

- **Me & My relationships**
Topics include Friendship, Getting on with others, Healthy relationships, Listening to feelings, Understanding other people's feelings and Assertive skills.
- **Valuing difference**
Topics include Celebrating difference - in the family and beyond, Different community groups Kindness - how it helps everyone to feel good and Listening skills

Mathematics

We will be starting with Place Value

- **Year 3 will be working with numbers to 1,000.** We will be mastering 3-digit numbers; counting in 100s; and using standard and flexible partitioning with hundreds, tens, and ones.
- **Year 4 will be working with numbers to 10,000 and Decimals.** We will be counting backwards through zero (negative numbers); rounding to the nearest 10, 100, or 1000 and learning Roman Numerals.

We then them move to looking at the 4 Operations (add/subtract/multiply/divide)

- **Year 3** - We will add and subtract numbers with up to three digits using formal written methods We will estimate answers and use inverse operations to check results. We will also solve missing number problems and word problems. For multiplication and division, our focus will be on the 3, 4, and 8 times tables. Next, we will write & calculate using mental methods before progressing to formal written methods for 2-digits x 1 digit

- **Year 4** - We will add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written columnar methods We will also practice 4-digit numbers, exchanges/carrying, and multi-step word problems. For multiplication and division, we will recall multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 . Multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using formal written layout. Identify factor pairs and work on harder reasoning problems.

Art & Design

Snowy Owls will learn how warm and cool colours are created, mixed and used by artists to create contrast, depth and atmosphere. We will explore how colour choices can evoke different feelings, study examples from Aboriginal art and Vincent van Gogh, and apply our understanding through practical artwork. We will also refine, discuss and evaluate our work, making thoughtful decisions about colour.

Music

- **Glockenspiel**
We will learn to read, write and perform from both notations. We will also expand our understanding of pitch and rhythm.
Feel the sound!
We will explore how emotion can be identified and expressed through sound. We will be focussing on recognising instruments and how to evoke mood.

Science

Snowy Owls will learn about food chains and food webs, exploring what these scientific diagrams show and how they compare. We will revisit interdependence and chat about how living things rely on each other. We will also explore the human digestive system, teeth types and oral hygiene. Finally, we will investigate how effective toothpaste is at protecting teeth.

Geography

Snowy Owls will explore North and South America using maps, atlases, globes and online mapping tools. We will identify countries, investigate climate zones and research one country in depth. We will compare the Sierra Nevada, Lake District and Alps, before planning a route across the Americas visiting key human and physical features. Finally, we will write an explorer's log, share our work and answer the project question.

Physical

- *Fundamentals - developing balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping. Will also develop ability to change direction with balance and control.
- *Football - develop principles of attacking and defending. We will ill also think about how we use skill and tactics to outwit the opposition.
- *Ball skills - Develop tracking a ball when dribbling with hands and/or feet. We will also develop throwing catching and kicking skills.
- *Rugby - Maintaining possession to move the ball towards the line, developing fair play and honesty.

Education

Religious

- **What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?**
This topic will cover what is important to Hindus. The puja plate, how Hindus show faith, journeys and celebrations.
- **How and why do people mark significant events?** This topic will cover how significant events are celebrated across religions such as bar mitzvah, Hindu thread ceremony, wedding and baptism.

Education