

Swan Class - Weekly Routines

Reading book and Reading Record	Bring in book bag everyday.
Water bottles	Bring in to school, take home daily.
Library books	Return and change on Fridays.
Letters / Money	Hand to an adult in the setting.
P.E. Kits	Thursday AM—leave kits in school, take home half termly.
Collecting at end of day	If your child is going home with someone different please inform a member of staff and email the school office.
School Newsletter	Emailed every Friday. Please note important dates.

Swan Class Early Years



Autumn 2021 Newsletter for Children and Parents



Class Routines and Information

A warm welcome back to school after the summer break, I hope everyone had a lovely break.

Staff: I (Miss Sanby) will be teaching in Swan class everyday. Mrs Spedding is the class teaching assistant and works with us every day. Mrs Puddiphatt and Miss Griffin also help us in Swan class.

Daily Routines: Nursery children and Reception children will line up on the playground at 8:50am and come in to school and sit on the carpet. The register will be taken at 9:00. Lunch is at 12:00 and home-time for Reception and afternoon Nursery is at 15:15. Throughout the day the children engage in different adult and child led activities, indoors and out. They are also taught maths and phonics.

Reading Books: Children should have their reading book in school every day. They will read with an adult twice a week in the Autumn term. We encourage the children to read at home every day and we hope that you will enjoy doing this with your child as often as possible! Please write a comment in their reading record books about what you have shared together.

Library : Library books will come home on Fridays and they need to be brought back to school the following Friday to be changed.

P.E: We have PE lessons on Thursday mornings—please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day and that **all items** of PE kit and uniform are **named**. Children bring home their PE kits for washing at the end of each half term.

Homework: Your child will bring home a reading book everyday. They will also begin to bring home sound cards and blending sheets once we progress in phonics. I would encourage daily practice with these where possible.

Water Bottles: In Swan class the children need to bring in a named water bottle every day to keep them hydrated. This will be sent home at the end of each day.

Snack: Children are entitled to a free snack every day in Early Years and can have a drink of milk or water.

Clothing: Please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will often be outside throughout the day. Please also note that we are lucky enough to have a 'Mud Kitchen' for the children to play with outside. I'm sure you can appreciate that this is going to be messy! We will ensure the children are wearing protective aprons but these aren't always 100% trustworthy. If you would rather send your child in with a named old shirt to cover them better, please let us know.

Medical: Please ensure the school office is made aware of any allergies or medical requirements your child has as soon as possible.

Topic Information for Parents

In the first half of the autumn term we will be learning all about 'Ourselves and our family' Healthy Us and 'Around the World'. Throughout these topics we will be looking at 'me, family, growth and change, and our senses'. We will also spend a week looking at Harvest.

In the second half term we will be learning about 'Around the World'; including different locations, fireworks, Diwali and Hanukkah. We will finish off the term with lots of fun Christmas activities.

In Mathematics Reception will be learning to identify and order numbers to 10 and to count to 20 saying number names correctly. Through construction activities the children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and will begin to order objects by length and height. All children will have the opportunity to use the interactive whiteboard and computers to play games involving number and shape. Through child initiated play, the children will be using mathematical ideas and methods to solve practical problems.

In Literacy the Reception children will be learning letter sounds and will begin to blend these sounds together to read words. They will also be working on letter formation and improving their writing skills. The children will be given reading books; beginning with picture books with which they will be encouraged to tell the story as they see it. Gradually, as their blending and reading skills improve they will move on to books with words.

Nursery children will begin to learn letter sounds and engage in mathematics in topic activities and carpet sessions. They will also have opportunities to share books with adults and peers in the setting.

In whole class activities we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books covering the topics of 'Ourselves', 'Health', 'the World' and seasonal festivals. The children will also have daily access to a good range of reading books to look at independently.

Children will take part in daily outdoor activities as well as weekly, structured PE lessons in which they will use a range of equipment. In the early years setting the children will have ample opportunity to develop their physical skills using the large equipment such as scooters, bikes (COVID permitting) and a climbing frame as well as improving their fine motor skills with drawing, tracing, threading and cutting. Throughout this half term the children will be making many models and it would be very helpful if you could collect and send in any clean pots, boxes and tubes for use in the creative activities.

EYs events this term:

15/09/21 - 9am - Swan Class Information meeting with Miss Sanby

23/09/21 - 9am - Swan Class Phonics Information meeting with Miss Sanby

06/10/21— Harvest celebration at St Mary's

09/12/21— Christmas Nativity play for EYFS

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

September—Respect October—Responsibility

November— Peace December—Compassion

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school.