

Swan Class - Weekly Routines

Reading book and Reading Record	Bring in book bag everyday.
Water bottles	Place in blue crate, take home daily.
Library books	Return and change on Fridays.
Letters / Money	Hand to an adult in the setting.
P.E. Kits	Thursday PM—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.
School Newsletter	Emailed every Friday. Please note important dates.

Swan Class Early Years



Spring 2022 Newsletter for Children and Parents



Class Routines and Information

A warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a lovely New Year.

Staff: Mrs Spedding and Mrs Puddiphatt will be teaching the children on a daily basis and Mrs Canham will also work with us every day.

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, in-doors 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 Spring term. We encourage the children to read at home 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 need to be brought back to school on Fridays 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 continue to bring home sound cards, high frequency word cards and blending sheets to support phonics. I would encourage daily practice with these where possible.

Water Bottles: In Swan class the children have access to cups and drinking water throughout the school day. However if you prefer children can bring in a named water bottle every day to keep them hydrated.

Snack: Children are entitled to a free snack of fruit every day in Early Years and can choose 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

This term the topics we will be covering are 'People who help us', 'Superheroes' and 'Traditional Tales' and they promise to provide lots of exciting opportunities for the children.

Throughout these topics we will be looking at how different people help us in our lives, becoming 'superheroes' and who are real life 'superheroes', and then the traditional stories—The Gingerbread Man and Jack and the Beanstalk.

In February we will take a week to celebrate Chinese New Year and we will learn about Dragon Dancing and Chinese lanterns, and as an extra treat we may taste Chinese food with chopsticks!

To finish off the term we will be looking at Easter and new life.

In Numeracy we will be continuing to identify and order numbers to 20 and learning to write the numerals correctly. The children will also be introduced to calculating more and less. The children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and carry on ordering 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, including their favourites - 'Baggin' the Dragon' and 'Volcanic Panic' - which are supporting their numeracy skills immensely. Through child-initiated play, the children will be using mathematical ideas and methods to solve practical problems.

In Literacy the reception children will continue to sound out and blend new words and write simple sentences.

In whole class activities we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books covering our new topics and the children will also have daily access to a range of reading books to look at independently.

During the Spring Term Reception children will start to use the computer suite and learn basic skills.

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 and a climbing frame as well as improving their fine motor skills with drawing, tracing, threading and cutting.

EYs events this term:

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 8th February

Chinese New Year - Tuesday 1st February

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

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

January — Appreciation **February** — Honesty

March — Perseverance **April** — Trust

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