

Early Years Timetable

	8:45 – 9:00 Rough Books	9:00 – 9:20		10:00 – 10:15	10:15 – 10:45	10:45 – 11:45	12:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 13:10	13:10 – 14:45	14:45 – 15:00	15:00 – 15:15
Mon	Practise letters learned	Whole class Carpet time – TOPIC (N & R)	N. & R. Topic Open door R. Literacy & Reading (Whole Class)	Whole class - Assembly Phonics Groups	Outside activity R. Maths	LUNCH	REGISTRATION	R RE & CIA 1-2-1 Observations Readers N. CIA	Tidy Up	Story & Home	
Tues	Practise letters learned		N. & R. Topic – Open door R. Literacy		Outside activity R. Maths			R CIA 1-2-1 Observations N. CIA	Tidy Up	Story & Home	
Weds	Practise letters learned		N. & R. Topic – Open door R. Literacy & Reading		Outside activity R. Maths			N. CIA R CIA 1-2-1	Tidy Up	Story & Home	
Thurs	Practise letters learned		N. & R. Topic – Open door R. Literacy		N. P.E R. P.E			N. & R. CIA 1-2-1 Observations	Tidy Up	Story & Home	
Fri	Practise letters learned		N. Topic – Open door R. Computing		N. CIA & Library Observations R. Literacy			SS PPA R. Maths N. CIA	Tidy Up	Story & Home	
Autumn Assemblies			Celebration Assembly – Weds (am)								

Swan Class Early Years



Autumn 2023

Newsletter for Children and Parents



Class Routines and Information

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

Staff: Miss Sanby will be teaching the children on a daily basis, supported by Mrs Davis, Miss Griffin and Mrs Ghailan.

Daily Routines: Nursery children and Reception children will line up on the playground at 8:45am and come in to school and sit on the carpet. The register will be taken straight away. 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 will initially bring home books to share with you. Once they begin learning phonics, each child will have three reading books—a Read Write Inc book that they have been reading in class, a Read Write Inc book matched to their ability and a book for you to read to them. Children should have their reading books 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 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 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 and packed lunch: Children are entitled to a free snack of fruit every day in Early Years and can choose a drink of milk or water. As a school we have a Managing Allergies policy, so please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any traces of nuts eg: Nutella.

First Aid: If your child suffers a minor bump to the head, they will come home with a wristband as well as a medical letter to make you aware.

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

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.

Collection from school: Should you arrange for someone different to collect your child from school, please alert the office prior to this happening and provide a confidential password that can be given to the teacher on collection.

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.

We will be looking at ‘Peace at Last’ by Jill Murphy in our Literacy lessons this half term and next half term will be looking at ‘The Three Little Pigs’ by Mara Alperin.

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 be engaging in lots of nursery rhymes and activities to support phonics and will take part 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 and climbing activities, as well as improving their fine motor skills with drawing, tracing, threading and cutting.

Swan Class events this term:

Wednesday 19th September - 9am - Swan Class Information meeting with Miss Sanby

Wednesday 25th September - 9am - Swan Class Phonics Information meeting with Miss Sanby

Wednesday 13th September 9:00am: Dove Class meeting in school hall.

Wednesday 8th November—8am-10:30am—Parent consultation meetings

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Please note that whole school/key stage events will be published with the school newsletter.

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

September—Respect

October—Responsibility

November—Independence

December—Patience

If your child does something that shows them living the values outside school, please let me know so we can write them a leaf for our values tree.