



Early Years Timetable

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Swan Class Early Years



Spring 2024 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: Miss Sanby will be teaching the children on a daily basis, supported by Mrs Davis and Mrs Ghilan. We also welcome Mrs Basu-White, who will be supporting the children every day.

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 at 8.55. 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 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 Friday 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.

Packed Lunch: 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

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.

We will be looking at 'Naughty Bus' by Jan & Jerry Oke, and 'Something Else' by Kathryn Cave in our English lessons this half term, and in Mathematics Reception will be learning about the composition of numbers to 10 and shapes, measures and patterns. 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 English the Reception children will continue learning letter sounds, practising blending to read words, and segmenting sounds to spell. They will also be working on letter formation and improving their sentence writing skills. The children will continue to bring home reading books which will be changed each week.

Nursery children will be engaging in topic learning and lots of sound and rhyme activities, in preparation for beginning our phonics program.

During the Spring Term Reception children will be using 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 climbing activities, 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.

Swan Class events this term:

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 5th March—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—6.00pm

Wednesday 6th March—Parent Consultations—8.10am—10.30am

Please note that other whole school events will be published with the school newsletter.

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

January — Appreciation February — Honesty March — Courage

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.