

Year 6 Swans' Newsletter (Spring Term 1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all; I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to all those who supported our carol concert before the holidays - I was so proud of Swans and their fantastic performance! Spring term will be a busy term for our year 6 children as they prepare for their SATs tests. We will be continuing with the times table challenge on a Thursday and Demon Tables in class, any support you can give your child to learn their times tables at home is greatly appreciated; it really does help with every aspect of maths! We will also be starting to look at measure this term, it would be helpful if you could practise telling the time with your child, too. Mrs Mayoh is still working with us and we are lucky to have Mrs Slater and Mrs Arkwright helping us this term, too. Booster club will carry on as normal every Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm. The Bikeability courses are happening in school week beginning 14th January which I know the children will enjoy. Friday 1st of February will be Swans' class assembly, we hope you will be able to join us in the hall at 9am. Our topics for the term are outlined below and we will also be launching our Jigsaw scheme with the theme of 'dreams and goals'.

Kind regards,
 Miss White

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Notices</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>PE will be Thursdays again this half-term with Mrs Cain. Year 6 will have another PE lesson on a Friday. Please make sure PE kits are in school these days. Earrings will need to be removed during PE lessons. Aerosol deodorants are not to be brought into school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Booster</u></p> <p>Booster will run after school on a Thursday as normal, finishing at 4:15pm. Thank you to everyone for making the effort to attend these sessions - they are very useful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Milk and Toast</u></p> <p>Money is due every Friday at a cost of £1.50. This will cover the following week. Alternatively you can pay for whole half terms or a number of weeks at a time if you wish. This is payable in class, rather than to the office. Please send payment in a named envelope.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Choir</u></p> <p>Choir will be running on a Tuesday after school until 4:15pm for any children who are interested in joining.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Learning</u></p> <p><u>English:</u> We will be writing instructions and fiction texts based on The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman and Hansel and Gretel.</p> <p><u>Maths:</u> We will focus on decimals, percentages, statistics and start to look at properties of shape and angles.</p> <p><u>Science:</u> We will be finishing our light topic before learning about living things and their habitats.</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> Our topic is a physical geography topic focusing on rivers and coasts.</p> <p><u>R.E.:</u> We will be learning about the eucharist.</p> <p><u>Spelling:</u> We will be following the No Nonsense spelling programme.</p> <p><u>Handwriting:</u> We will be following the Nelson Cursive Handwriting scheme, ensuring our letter formation and joins are consistent.</p> <p><u>Art/D&T:</u> We will be focusing our artwork around Monet's rivers in topic and our D&T will be linked with our computing topic.</p> <p><u>Computing:</u> We will be designing a piece of wearable technology to link with a smart phone app.</p> <p><u>Music:</u> Our music learning will all be based around the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.</p> <p><u>French:</u> We will be looking at naming places in the locality and looking at our journeys to school in French.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Home</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. This will alternate between English and Maths and some Topic work may also be included.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spellings</u></p> <p>Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please make sure your child is practising these spellings at home during the week. Focus on the rule at the top of the sheet. Please revise previous weeks too. In addition, in your child's planner, there is also the 'Year 5/6 spelling list' to look at.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Please ensure you continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Table Challenge</u></p> <p>KS2 children will continue to participate in Times Table Challenge on a Thursday. Learning your times tables is crucial to Year 6 mathematics - so please take any opportunity to practise times tables with your child.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diary Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thursdays</u> - Booster club, 3:15-4:15pm • <u>Monday 14th January - Wednesday 16th January</u> - Bikeability course during school time • <u>Friday 25th January</u> - Faith Day activities in school • <u>Friday 1st February</u> - Year 6's class assembly • <u>Friday 15th February</u> - Break-up for the half-term holiday

