

Year 6 Swans' Newsletter (Spring Term 2)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term holiday. This half-term is the busiest for year 6 as it is our last half-term before our SATs tests in May. We will be working very hard during the school day. Please support your child by making sure they are in school every day and discussing through any worries they may have. We are continuing with our healthy lifestyle workshops on Monday mornings and will soon start our 'Smash your SATs' sessions to help the children learn fun relaxation techniques. If there are any questions regarding lessons, how to support your child or the tests please do not hesitate to contact me. Booster sessions will run on a Thursday after school all term. Please make sure your child is reading at home 3 times a week; reading at home is crucial to making progress, even in year 6. Mrs Cain, Mrs Downey, Mrs Arkwright and Mrs Mayoh will all be working with us this term to support our SATs preparation.

Kind regards,
Miss White

Class Notices

P.E.

PE will be continue to be on Thursdays this half-term with Mrs Cain. Children will also need their kits in school on Mondays and Fridays to work with Wigan Healthy Lifestyles. Earrings will need to be removed during PE lessons.

Booster

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.

Milk and Toast

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.

Walking Home

If you would like your child to walk home from school by themselves, please sign a note in their planner to give them permission. Thank you.

At Home

Homework

Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**.

Spellings

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. In addition, in your child's planner, there is also the 'Year 5/6 spelling list' to look at.

Reading

Please ensure you continue to read with your child **at least 3 times a week**.

Learning to tell the time

Please take any chance you have to look at both digital and analogue clocks with your child and practise telling the time.

Maths

In the back of your child's planner, there is some useful information regarding shape and measure conversions. Look at these together with your child: can they convert quickly between different units of measure?

Our Learning

English: We will be writing fairytales based on Hansel and Gretel before using this story as a stimulus for writing informal letters.

Maths: We will focus on ratio and proportion, algebra, area and volume, measure and properties of shape.

Science: We will be focusing on living things and their habitats: how to classify animals, plants and microorganisms.

Topic: We will continue with our physical geography topic of Rivers, in detail studying the Duddon Water before moving on to our history topic, 'How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an ancient Chinese mystery?'

R.E.: Our topic is, 'Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist?' This will involve looking at the link between the Passover meal, the Last Supper and the Eucharist.

Spelling: We will be focusing mainly on the Y5/6 list this half-term and revising all the rules learnt this year.

Art: We will be sketching living things within our science topic.

Computing/D&T: We will be designing a piece of wearable technology and the software to go with it. We will then pitch our presentations to year 5.

Jigsaw/PSHE: Our topic is all about learning different ways to keep both our minds and bodies healthy and active. This links perfectly to our healthy lifestyle workshops.

Music: We will focus our learning around the song, 'Happy'.

Diary Dates

- **Thursdays** - Booster club, 3:15-4:15pm
- **Friday 28th March** – Messy Church after school
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- **w/b Monday 9th March** - Science Week
- **Friday 13th March** - Smash your SATs workshops start in school
- **Wednesday 18th March** - Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 31st March** - Church
- **Friday 3rd April** - Break up for Easter