

Year 6 Swans' Newsletter (Autumn Term 1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what has been a very unusual year! I am really looking forward to working with our new Swans class this year - I have heard great things about them. Due to the current situation, reading books will only be changed on a Monday for Year 6. I will check planners and update our reading chart on this day only. If your child has a note in their planner for any other reason, we will be asking them to leave their planners open on their desk - please ensure you make your child aware if there is something in the planner you would like us to see. We have Mrs Mayoh working in class with us some days during the week and Mrs Gore will also teach Swans for PE & French on a Wednesday afternoon. Year 6 can be a challenging year with SATs tests but it can also be the most memorable year of primary school, with lots of new experiences, responsibilities and transition to high school at the end. I am currently doing my best to book a residential trip for us but both bookings I have previously made (October & next March) have been cancelled. Hopefully, there is an alternative accommodation option for us to go to the Lake District in March - please bear with us whilst we try to organise this, as soon as we know any information we will let you know. I would like to thank you for supporting your child through this busy but exciting year and hope that the following information will help you to do so. If there is anything you wish to discuss, at any point this year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
 Miss White

At Home Homework

Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**. Additional work/revision may be offered to Year 6 children during the week but will be optional. Purple Mash is still in use for any children wishing to do extra learning at home.

Spellings

Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reading

Please ensure you continue to read with your child at **least 3 times a week**. As books are now to be changed on a Monday only, if your child finishes their book they can read another from home or use the reading books on Purple Mash. Encourage them to also (if they have finished reading the book) write a book review, write a summary, a character profile and ensure they have understood the book well enough that they are able to retell the story/information.

Times Table Challenge

KS2 children will continue to participate in Times Table Challenge on a Thursday. Learning your times tables is crucial to Year 6 mathematics - from simplifying fractions to finding the area of a rectangle - so please take any opportunity to practise times tables with your child.

Our Learning

English: We will be writing formal letters and stories, using 'Paperman' animation as our stimulus. Our class read is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.

Maths: We will focus on place value and the four operations.

Science: Our topic is, 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning about the heart and circulatory system.

Topic: We will be studying 'The Amazing Americas' and looking in detail at the continents of North and South America before focusing on geographical changes in New York.

R.E.: We will be looking at the significance of journeys in our lives and in religious stories.

Spelling: We will begin to learn some of the words and spelling rules from the National Curriculum Y5&6 Key Words list.

Handwriting: We will be following the Nelson Cursive Handwriting scheme, ensuring our letter formation and joins are consistent.

Art: We will be studying the artist Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement.

Music: We will be learning about musical notation and theory.

Computing: We will be learning about e-safety and staying safe online.

French: We will be revising the basics in French to start with such as food, numbers and colours.

Jigsaw: Our focus is 'Being Me in My World'.

Class Notices

P.E.

PE kit will need to be in school on Mondays & Wednesdays. Earrings will need to be removed during PE lessons.

Snack

You will need to provide your child with a **healthy** snack for break if they would like one. Milk & Toast will **not** be available from school due to the current situation.

Water Bottles

Your child will need to bring their own water bottle to and from school each day with fresh water in that will be kept on their desk.

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.

Assemblies

Due to current restrictions and guidelines, there will be no whole school assemblies until further notice. All worship, Picture News and star assemblies will still happen daily but will be held in class for now. Star certificates will still be awarded on Fridays with the reason for the award written on the back.

Diary Dates

Diary dates will be confirmed and released as restrictions and government guidance are updated. You will be notified in advance via text or email as soon as we are updated and can plan more events.