



Swans Newsletter - Autumn Term 1

WELCOME TO YEAR 2

We're delighted to welcome Swans into their new class as we start an exciting new school year! We're looking forward to beginning our Year 2 journey together. Every day, we're here to support and encourage you, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things we'll achieve as a team! Mrs Thompson and Mrs Spencer



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This term, we our Understanding Christianity unit is 'Creation' We will learn about the Christian creation story, and consider why it is important to Christians, and what this story tells Christians about God.



Ways to help at home

Here are some ways you could help your child at home:

- Learn and recall the number bonds to 10 and 20 (e.g. $4+6=10$, $4+16=20$)
- Count groups of objects up to 100, recognise and write numbers to 100 and Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Using 2p, 5p and 10p coins is great for this, and supports an understanding of money.
- Look at the time on analogue and digital clocks, noticing when it is o'clock and half past the hour
- Daily reading - read to your child for a minimum of ten minutes and they read to you for ten minutes (it doesn't have to be the same book!)
- Spellings - please refer to the year 1 and 2 common exception word lists. Your child needs to be able to both read and independently spell of these words.

How to contact me

If you have any worries and would like to speak to me, please come and talk to me before or after school, or contact the school by phone or email and I will get back to you as soon as possible. The class email is swans@egerton.kent.sch.uk

This term's topic - 'Woodland Wonder'



Our very first Topic will link together our Science learning about 'materials' and 'plants and habitats' with our writing focus linked to the story 'Little Red Reading Hood' (no - that isn't a typo, it's a different version of the traditional tale where our main character loves reading!). In geography, we will learn about the seven continents of the World, focusing in on the extremes with the cold North and South Poles and the very hot Equator. In art, we will draw flowers inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keefe and sculpt flowers out of clay, which will be displayed in St James' Church around Remembrance time next term. We will also be going to Forest School this term!



Reading books

We encourage your child to read at home with you every day, and then we ask that a parent writes a short comment, signs and dates the record book to say your child has read. Your child's RWI phonics books will be changed by their phonics teacher as soon as they have completed it in school. They need to bring their reading and record book to and from school **every day**. Thank you for your support with helping your child become a great reader!



Important...



Please send your child in with a **named water bottle** every day, along with a coat in case it rains.

Healthy snacks are provided each day for break.

Our **PE day** this term is Thursday. Could all PE kits be sent in to stay in school for the term. No **earrings** on PE days and long hair should be tied up.



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Home learning activities for Term 1

- **Daily reading** - Please listen to your child **read** their phonics book for 5 - 10 minutes **every day**.
- Please also read **to** your child daily (this could be at bedtime or whenever it fits in with your routine)
- Practice reading and spelling the year 1 and 2 common exception word list (see below)
- Additional worksheet activities may be sent home from time to time to support consolidation of school learning.

Reading for pleasure

Here is a link to a list of great books for year 2 readers: [Best Books for Year 2: Recommended Booklist for Ages 6-7 \(booksfortopics.com\)](https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2)

50 Recommended Reads for... Year 2 (ages 6-7)

Books for Topics

Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-2

For more primary school booklists, visit [booksfortopics.com](https://www.booksfortopics.com)



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Useful websites:



[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

[Maths - Topmarks Search](#)



[Most Popular Free Maths Games - Mathsframe](#)



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Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	