



Swans Newsletter – Term 1

Welcome to Swans Class!

Our adventure begins!

This term is all about new beginnings – a new school, new teachers, new routines and of course some new friends too! We will be focusing on settling the children into the routines of the day and helping them to find their way around the indoor and outdoor learning environment. We will also be exploring the school grounds too.

We hope that you have the best year, Swans!

Literacy

This term we will be sharing stories and focusing on helping the children develop their concept of print. We will be following the Talk Through Stories programme where we read stories and learn new vocabulary from that story. We will begin our journey with an accident prone dragon called Zog.

Phonics will play an important part in our daily routine to help the children to develop the skills they need to read and write. We will be following the ReadWriteInc. Programme daily. More on this to come.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be helping children to follow instructions, understand routines of the school day and support them in making new friendships.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term there will be lots of time to explore being creative both inside and out. We will be encouraging the children to create pictures and models of themselves. We will be learning songs to help us develop our turn taking and social skills.

Meet the Swans Team



Mrs Gilbert
Class Teacher



Miss Cosgrove
TA (Full Time)



Mrs Lewis
TA (M, Th, F – all day)
TA (Tu & W am)



Mr Humphries
TA (Tu & W pm)

Maths

This term we will begin developing the children's mastery of number. We will be exploring subitising (being able to say how many there is of something without counting) and developing a thorough understanding of numbers 1 to 5. We will be singing lots of songs to help us with our learning.

Physical Development

We will be getting our bodies and hands 'ready to write' by making lots of marks and patterns.

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday**.
Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school.

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about what makes us special and finding out about each other's families. We will be talking about our favourite things and celebrating our differences. We will be learning about Harvest Festival and planting some vegetables of our own.



What can you do at home?

- You will be sent QR code links to videos to help your child practise reading, writing and blending the initial sounds we learn in school. The more exposure your child has to these sounds, the quicker they will learn them.
- Read, read, read! Read lots of books with your child. Enjoy a love of books together.
- Talk about the initial sound that you hear in words, for example head begins with 'h'; tractor begins with 't'.
- Count all sorts – smarties, grapes, jumps.
- Practise subitising – subitising is when you look at an amount to 5 and say how many there are without counting. 'I can see a group of 3 grapes on your plate. See...'

We are a Rights Respecting School. We currently hold the Bronze award and are working towards gaining Silver. We will be talking to the children about how we all have rights and explaining, in appropriate language, what a right is. Throughout the year we will support the children to understand that everyone has rights, that all children have the right to have a name, the right to an education and learning, as well as the right to relax and play.

Alongside this, the children will be learning our school values of perseverance, compassion, respect, honesty, forgiveness and hope.

These important values and knowledge will be fed into the children's everyday discussions to support their understanding of them.

Important...

Please make sure your child has a **named water bottle** in school every day.

Please also send your child with appropriate clothes for the weather – a hat for any remaining sunny days, and a coat as we will endeavour to be outside as much as possible regardless of the weather.

Please ensure that long hair is tied back each day and that children don't wear jewellery for their own safety.

Thank you. 😊

Our Coffee and Conversation meeting is on Friday 27th September at 2:30pm in the school hall.

If you have any questions, queries or problems, you are welcome to chat at the end of the school day once we have dismissed all children or make an appointment via the school office. You can also drop us an email at

swans@egerton.kent.sch.uk