



Welcome to Term 2



Dear Swans,

I hope you all had a restful half term and enjoyed time to rest and recharge. Term 2 is notoriously busy in the lead up to Christmas both in and out of school. We understand that the children become more tired as we move through into the winter months. Keeping routines present at home and at school is vital in helping children continue to be the happy and confident individuals they are.

If you have anything you wish to talk to us about, please do come and see us before or after school, or on our class email swans@egerton.kent.sch.uk
Alternatively, we can arrange a meeting via the school office.

Mrs Gilbert and the Swans team

What are the children learning in Term 1?

English: This term we will be writing our own poem based on Bonfire Night. We will be thinking about how we feel when we watch fireworks and the sounds they make. We will also be thinking about how they look in the night sky. After this, we will be using the text 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers as our inspiration for our writing. We continue to have a strong focus on letter formation using our new handwriting scheme. You can support your child to form letters correctly to increase their speed and writing fluency.

Maths: We have moved onto learning about addition and subtraction, understanding the link between fact families – e.g. $7 + 3 = 10$, so does $3 + 7 = 10$. But also $10 - 7 = 3$ and $10 - 3 = 7$.

Children can bring in a bottle of **water** each day and a **healthy snack** they can have at break time.

Pots should be clearly named.



This term, children will be learning **Dance and Fundamental Skills**. TeamTheme will be teaching one of these lessons.

Please make sure PE kits are in school every day. PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.



RE: Why is Christmas important to Christians?

Christians believe Jesus was God sent to Earth to save and help us. We will be exploring why Jesus was a special baby and thinking about what Christians do in the build up to celebrate his birth.

History: Changes within living memory

We will be exploring how elements of life have changed through time such as school, homes and toys. We will be unpicking the difference between an event in the near past, and something in the distant past.

Check out the Year 1 Curriculum Map to find out more about the learning this term.

Please make sure your child has a coat, water bottle and their book bag with reading books in school each day.

Thank you!

Reading!

Children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home. Please make sure that reading records and reading books are in school **every day**. Children may read within school with a member of the team or a volunteer at any time. RWI books will be changed every 3 days. Please jot down when your child reads at home – every recorded read will earn each Swan a house point!

Children's Rights

Do you know about Children's Rights? Did you know that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has **54 articles** that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights? We will be learning more about **Articles 6, 12, 19, 24, 28, 29 and 31**. World Children's Day is on 20th November.