



Welcome to Term 4



Dear Swans,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are looking forward to a term where we learn about school during the Victorian era, more about what animals eat and how we can classify them based on this information and create a collage of our local area.

This term we have parents evening where we can catch up on how well your child is doing in Year 1 so far and consider what they need to do to make even more progress.

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

Mrs Gilbert and the Swans team

What are the children learning in Term 4?

English: This term our learning will be focused around a story called 'The Storm Whale'. We will be considering how the main character feels at different points in the story, and also adding description to our writing. At the end of the term we will be writing poetry based around the poem 'When I am by myself' by Eloise Greenfield. We will continue to focus heavily on letter formation, handwriting, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, encouraging the children to re-read their sentence when they have written it.

Maths: We will continue to practise subtraction within 20 as we start this term. From here we will then be looking at place value to 50, counting up to 50, making groups of tens and ones and using number lines to 50. We will also start a unit on Measurement looking at both length and height, and mass and volume.

This term, children will be learning **Gymnastics** and **Net and Wall Games**. TeamTheme will be teaching one of these lessons.

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



RE: Salvation – Why is Easter a special time for Christians?
 During this term we will explore the story of Holy week and further understand the important symbols linking to Easter, for example, why there are eggs at Easter. We will also explore how Christians celebrate Holy Week.

History: How has Egerton school changed since the Victorian times?

We will be thinking about what school is like today, the equipment that we use and how this compares to school during the Victorian era.

Children can bring in a bottle of **water** each day and a **healthy snack** for break time. **Please ensure pots are clearly named.**



Reading!

Children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home. Please make sure that reading records and **BOTH** reading books are in school **every day**. **We are finding that there are often children without reading books in their bags.** Children may read within school with a member of the team or a volunteer at any time.

Many children are now on yellow books. Yellow books are changed once a week. Other RWI books will continue to be changed every 3 days. Please jot down when your child reads at home – every recorded read will earn each Swan a house point!

Rights and Citizenship

During this term, our PSHE learning focuses on citizenship, but we will link this neatly with our learning on our Rights as children. Throughout the spring term, children have been learning about how we can take responsibility for our rights and those of others, e.g. we have the right to learn, but it is also our responsibility to make sure that we let others learn too.

We will be thinking about what it is like to be a part of a community, in particular our school community, and what this means, whilst exploring our responsibilities further.