



Welcome to Term 5



Dear Swans families,

I hope you all had a wonderful chocolate filled Easter break! 😊 I can't quite believe we are in the Summer term already. These next 2 terms are often busy, but hopefully with lots of sunshine to fuel us. On top of our learning for this term, we have Forest School, Earth Day, David Attenborough's 100th birthday and a Scootability session. Lots to look forward to!

Miss Davis leaves us on Friday 1st May. We will all be sad to see her go, and I know you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work with Swans class. We wish her lots of luck as she moves onto her next adventure.

As always, if you have anything you wish to talk to us about, please do come and see us before or after school, or contact 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 5?

<p>English: Key Skills include ensuring all written sentences make sense and have accurate punctuation, challenging ourselves to use a range of adventurous vocabulary, and beginning to accurately use phonics to spell a range of words. Handwriting will continue to be a focus, ensuring accurate formation of each letter before we move into year 2.</p> <p>Our writing will be centred around the story Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pina and writing a recount of our Forest School sessions.</p>	<p>Maths: This term we will begin to look at multiplication and division by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, looking at equal groups, introducing arrays, and grouping and sharing.</p> <p>We will also introduce fractions looking at a half and a quarter.</p>
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This term, children will have 1 PE lesson lead by TeamTheme – this will be Striking and Fielding. Our 2nd PE slot will be covered by Forest School.

Please make sure PE kits are in school every day. Our PE lesson will be on a Thursday.




RE: Judaism

Our big question for the next 2 terms is – Who is Jewish and what do they believe? We will be exploring Jewish traditions, and finding out how their religion differs from Christianity.


Geography: What is it like to live in Shanghai?

This unit allows us to compare our local area to a very different location in another country. We will be exploring physical and human features, looking at local maps and world maps and exploring differences.

[Check out the Year 1 Curriculum Map to find out more about the learning this term.](#)



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



Reading!

In early June we have the National Phonics Screening Check. Children will be asked to read 20 real and 20 nonsense words to check their decoding skills. They do not need to be able to read words at speed – in fact we encourage them to sound out and blend every word to support accuracy. We will continue to support the children as we have been all year with their phonics, but **reading at home is crucial!** Just 5-10 minutes of reading daily can boost their confidence and support children to build speed and accuracy.

Remember any reading that is recorded in Reading Records will gain house points.

Forest School

Please make sure you have carefully read the letters about Forest School. All children will go as a whole class on the first 3 Fridays (2 afternoon sessions, 1 morning session). In the final 2 weeks of term, the children will be split into 2 groups.