

Swallow Class Newsletter

Term 2

Dear parents,

I wish to start this newsletter by expressing my thanks to you for your continued support so far this year. The children have made a fantastic start to the year and I hope you all enjoyed sharing our learning at the end of last term.

Please ensure all children have their reading book and reading record in school every day and that they remember to take them home at the end of every day.

Enquiries

Before Christmas, Swallow class will complete 2 enquires. The first is “How can we find out about people from the past?” which focuses on introducing historian skills and knowledge of historical sources of information. As a challenge for this enquiry the children will produce personal history boxes that will be shared with you in the style of an exhibition. The second is “What is underneath our feet?” which focuses on volcanoes, mountains, rocks and soil.

We have removed art from our enquiries this term and will be working on our portrait skills. There will also be an opportunity to enhance our photography skills and use computers to edit and alter our photos. We will also supplement our learning on people from the past by visiting the Dr Jenner Museum in Berkeley.

PE

PE this term will be Yoga on a Monday and then Handball on a Thursday with Future Stars. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate PE kit on these days.

Homework

All homework to this date, will be checked and marked during the first week of this term. Please make sure you have completed up to page 10 in each book so that we can work through the rest of the booklets one page per week and look at difficulties together every Friday. Thank you with your support and feedback on the change to homework this year.

Spelling

All children will go home from school on **Thursday 4th November** with their spelling list. On it will be detailed 5 spellings they will learn and the week these will be taught in school. Every Friday the children will sit an informal test to check how they have learnt their new spellings and retain their understanding of the previous spelling rules.

Pantomime

This year our KS2 pantomime is called “The Amazing Adventures of Superstan”. Auditions for roles will be held on Friday 3rd November and we will give roles out the following week. During the audition, children will have the opportunity to read for roles and express a desire for large, medium and small speaking roles as well as solo singing parts.

Please get in contact if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further.

Best Wishes,
Mr Alec Bryant