



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Swans' Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We have an exciting half term ahead of us!

Starting **Friday 16th January**, we will be going swimming. Could you please ensure the children come to school with their swimwear underneath their uniform. This will make for a smoother transition into the swimming pool. They will also need to bring a bag with a spare pair of underwear, a towel, and goggles.

The children will also be starting to learn the ukulele on a Wednesday afternoon. These will be provided by the school for the children to use.

We are also pleased to inform you that we have now booked our residential trip to **The Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster**, which will take place on **11th–12th March**. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children to develop their independence, teamwork and confidence in a supportive environment. We understand that residential trips can feel daunting for some children and parents; however, staff will be on hand at all times to support the children, and activities will be carefully planned to ensure everyone feels safe, included, and encouraged. We will be talking to the children in advance to help prepare them, and further details including activities, packing lists, and payment information will be shared with you as soon as possible.

In English, we will be writing poetry based on 'Tyger Tyger' by William Blake, character description based on the book 'Varjak Paw', before moving on to our persuasive writing based on our Visual Literacy unit 'For the Birds'. Our new class reader will be 'How to be more Hedgehog' by Ann-Marie Conwray.

In Maths, we will be continuing with Multiplication and Division before moving on to length and perimeter. In Science, we will be learning about Sound through research and practical activities. Our topic this half term is Ancient Civilisations – The Maya. Homework for this will follow, along with the new reading challenge.

As the Swans progress through the curriculum, the level of work increases, and the demands become higher to support the transition to Upper Key Stage 2. Therefore, it is important that children are encouraged to complete their homework to the best of their ability. This includes reading each day, 10–15 minutes of timestables practice and being punctual in handing in



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homework and completing tasks on EdShed (using Mathshed and Spelling Shed). Children have been given their logins in their diaries.

As always, if you ever wish to speak to us - particularly if you or your child have any concerns about the residential trip or any other aspect of school life - please feel free to ask and we will try to see you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Yates and Mrs Booton



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