

Swans' Newsletter

Autumn Term



English

Our focus for writing during the first few weeks of the autumn term is on punctuation and grammar. We will be learning about different word classifications and applying these to write a range of sentences. Over this time, we will be planning and preparing to write a character description based on the main character in the short film, 'Reverso'. In the second half of the autumn term, we will base our writing on the text, 'The Spider and the Fly,' by Mary Howitt.

Guided reading

Our focus text this term is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' by Orjaji Rauf. We will explore new vocabulary within the text, consider themes that are relevant to our lives today as well as independently showing our understanding through comprehension. We will also have a separate reading lesson where the text for that lesson will be based upon children's interests!

Maths

In maths this term, we are focusing on the core area of Place Value before moving on to learn about calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will complete the term with a unit about fractions where we will be comparing fractions before calculating with them. We will also be refining our arithmetic skills over the term as well as maintaining a focus on times tables.

Science

Our area of learning this term is based on 'Properties and Changing Materials' where we will learn about process such as heating, cooling, dissolving and separating and how they alter a material's state.

RE

In Religious Education this term, we will be focusing on Christianity and considering how teachings about God being holy and loving make a difference in the world today. We will then think about what sort of world Jesus wanted.

History

Our learning this half-term is about the Vikings. During this learning, we will be considering when in history the Viking era was, learning about the importance of trading routes during this time as well as considering what the Vikings achieved and how this impacts us today.

Geography

Our learning next half-term is 'Energy'. We will learn why energy sources are important to us. We will use graphs and maps to study the distribution of energy in an area, as well as conducting fieldwork to locate the most suitable position for a solar panel within our school grounds.

Art

In Art this term, we are developing our drawing skills using outer space and our ideas about our future world. We will then be studying painting and mixed media, with a focus on portraits.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be creating our own 'pop-up' books. We will use a range of mechanisms and levers to achieve this!

French

This term we will learning how to read, write, speak and listen to French within the topic 'Monster Pets'. We will learn animal names and their body parts, in French, in order to create our own 'Monster Pet' which we will then describe!

PSHE

This term, we will be thinking about 'Being Me' as well as 'Celebrating our Differences'.

Music

In music this term we will learning about the composition and notation of music using a stave as well as hieroglyphics to represent our musical creations.

P.E

Our P.E. days this term are Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these days, children can come to school in their PE kit (black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t shirt, a black jumper and trainers). Please ensure that any jewellery, especially earrings are removed for these days. Over the autumn term, we will be developing our skills in the areas of ball skills (handball), racket skills (badminton), gymnastics and dance.

Homework

Your child will receive homework **every Friday**. This will be a selection of either maths, English or reading activities for them to complete independently. Spellings will also be given out, and the weekly spelling test will be held on a Friday.

Children will need to take home and return their reading book every day. Please encourage your child to read to you frequently.

Please remember:

- ◆ All glasses and medication must be in school.
- ◆ Children need a water bottle in school to drink from throughout the day.
- ◆ Toast is 20p per day and will be available at break-time.
- ◆ Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and PE kits.

Any concerns

If there is anything you would like to discuss with us about this year, please feel free to come and speak to any staff working in Year Five.

Mrs Cotton and Miss Merryweather