



# Swans'

## Newsletter

### English

We will be using the short film 'Home Sweet Home' to support narrative writing that includes dialogue. We will then use 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman to inspire our writing. This imaginative story will lead us to write a newspaper report and a diary entry. We will continue building our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, applying them across all written work.

### Reading

We will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar during guided reading sessions. We will follow Stanley Yelnats' journey at a mysterious camp, uncovering hidden clues and connections between past and present. Through this text, the children will build their reading and comprehension skills by learning new vocabulary, taking part in group discussions to share ideas and answering questions linked to our weekly reading skill in order to develop a deeper understanding of the text.

### Maths

This term, we will be studying statistics before we explore 3D shapes, angles and symmetry before describing position and direction using coordinates, translation and reflection. We will revisit decimals, negative numbers and finish with converting units and calculating volume. Arithmetic and times table fluency remain a key focus — please continue using Times Table Rock Stars at home.

### Science

Our science topics for this term are 'Animals including Humans' and 'Forces'. We will explore the human life cycle and compare it with other animals, looking at reproduction and stages of development. Later, we will investigate forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, using practical activities to understand their effects and how mechanisms like levers and pulleys help us in everyday life.

### P.E

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. PE lessons may take place outdoors, so please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit or brings it with them on these days. The correct PE kit includes a plain white T-shirt and black shorts.

For safety reasons, **earrings must be removed on PE days**.

### 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. It is important that children are **reading daily** and this is recorded in their reading record. There will be opportunities for children to discuss their reading for pleasure during the week. They will need to take home and return their reading book daily.

### Please remember:

- ◆ If your child needs glasses, an inhaler or any other medication, please ensure they are in school.
- ◆ Children need a water bottle in school to drink from throughout the day.
- ◆ Toast is 20p 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