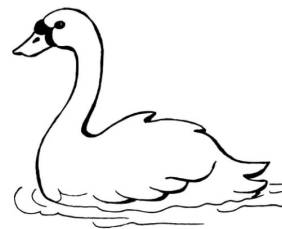




Swans Class – Early Years

Autumn Term 2025

Parent Information



Our values this term are respect, responsibility, independence and patience.

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.

Topics

During the Autumn term our topics will include: Summer Holidays, Ourselves and our Families, Harvest, Autumn, Changing Seasons, Diwali, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance, Comparing Homes in different countries and Christmas. We encourage topic related Show and Tell items and encourage children to bring in photos, pictures or objects for the weekly topics. For example, bringing in conkers and autumn leaves when we discuss Autumn. The children will be told what the weekly topic is each week and suggestions of what to bring in. Throughout each of these topics we will share books, poems and topic related resources, including creative activities to cover the EYFS curriculum. The children will also be encouraged to engage in the topics through the continuous provision within our classroom.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be settling into our new term by learning our classroom rules and getting to know each other. We will be encouraging independence with hand washing, using the toilet and putting our coat on. We will also be thinking about our feelings and how we can be considerate of other peoples' feelings.

Physical Development

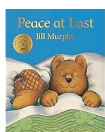
We will be using our gross motor movement to confidently and safely use a large range of apparatus both inside and outside. We will use a wide range of tools to aid our fine motor skills, encourage the use of the tripod grip to hold a pencil and practice cutting with scissors.

Communication and Language

We will learn how to listen carefully and learn why listening is important. We will use our listening skills to listen to stories, poems and rhymes. We will encourage the children to use new vocabulary, respond appropriately to questions and recall stories they have listened to.

Literacy

Our focus books this term are 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy & 'The Three Little Pigs' by Mara Alperin



We will learn that print can have different purposes, that we read left to right, top to bottom and the names of the different parts of a book. We will spell using our print and letter knowledge, by identifying the sounds and learn to form letters correctly. We will also learn to blend sounds together to read a word and re-read what we have written to check it makes sense.



Maths

Through our daily maths lessons and within our classroom environment we will be exploring numbers up to 5 and looking at circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will be exploring repeating patterns and comparing sizes. We will be singing number rhymes and counting songs. We will use the vocabulary 'more than', 'less than', 'fewer', 'the same as' and equal to'.



Expressive Art and Design



We will be exploring a range of artistic effects and making independent choices of the resources we need for our creations. This includes using clay, paint and printing. We will be using a range of tools such as paintbrushes, scissors and modelling tools. We will have storytelling opportunities within our environment and we will be rehearsing for our nativity performance.



Understanding the World

We will be going on an Autumn walk in the school grounds and exploring Autumn and the changing natural environment. We will learn about some different celebrations such as Harvest, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas.

Staff

Swan Class will be taught by Mrs Wise and Mrs Fulford (Friday afternoons) and supported by Mrs Basu-White, Miss Watson and Mrs Shuttleworth.

Reading

Every child will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and a library ok. Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school every week and join in daily phonics activities.

Our weekly library slot will be a **Friday**. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.



Daily routines



Children should arrive at school at **8:40**. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and have registration at **8.45**.

PE kit

Our PE days are **Tuesdays**. Children should come to school on Tuesdays wearing PE kit. This includes a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children may also wear jog-jogging bottoms and a sweater/fleece over the top as we will be going outside to play. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them.



Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day.

Fruit and milk is provided every morning. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this if your child brings a packed lunch.



First aid



If your child has a head bump, they will be given a wristband to wear and they will receive an incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.

Home Learning

For home learning Swan Class will receive a reading book each week. This will be changed every **Monday**. Children are expected to read five times a week with an adult and this should be signed off in their reading record.

