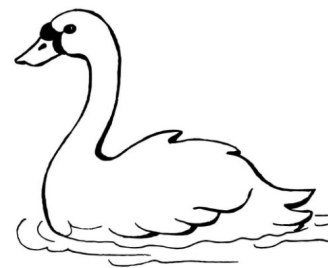




Swans Class – Early Years

Spring Term 2026

Parent Information



Our values this term are appreciation, honesty and courage.

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 awarding them with dojo points.

Topics

During the Spring term our topics will include: People who help us, Winter, Chinese New Year, Spring and Easter. We encourage topic related Show and Tell items which will resume on Thursdays. Throughout each of these topics we will share books, go on walks in the school grounds, do lots of related arts and crafts, perform singing and dancing and other topic related 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 working on our independence and skills to make us become independent. For example, the children will be encouraged to join the 'zippy club' by independently learning to zip up their own coat. We will also be talking about healthy habits including brushing our teeth and eating healthy foods.

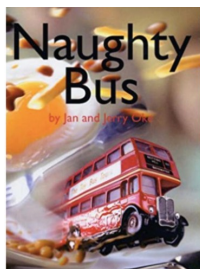


Physical Development

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

In circle time we will have lots of opportunities to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will learn how to ask questions to further understand each other. We will use language to communicate and organise their ideas in their play. We will engage in stories and rhymes, learn lots of new vocabulary and develop our understanding of stories.



Literacy

Our focus books this term are 'The Naughty Bus'

by Jan and Jerry Oke and 'Something Else' by Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell.

The stories will inspire the children to do lots of mark making activities according to their ages and abilities. The children will also continue to learn to write their names, form lower case letters correctly, write short sentences and then read the sentence to check it makes sense. We will also be reading simple phrases and sentences and learning some more tricky words.



Maths

Through our daily maths lessons and within our classroom environment will be exploring numbers up to 10 and looking at pattern, mass and capacity, length, height and time and exploring 3D shapes.



Expressive Art and Design



This term we will be learning to create collaboratively junk modelling emergency vehicles, sharing ideas, resources and skills and how to use different techniques and materials to achieve the desired effect. We will explore mixing colours and how to plan a design before starting it. We will continue to engage in lots of singing, rhymes and story telling.



Understanding the World

We will be exploring the effects of the changing seasons and describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. We will be growing our own plants and describing the features of plants. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year and Easter celebrations.

Staff

Swan Class will be taught by Mrs Wise and supported by Mrs Basu-White and Miss Thompson.

Reading



The reception children will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and every child will have a library book.

Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small group and sometimes as a whole class activity.

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 by 8:45am. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and self register.

PE kit



Our PE days are Mondays.

Children should have a **named** PE kit in school at all times during the term. Kit should include t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children may also wear jogging bottoms and a sweater/fleece as we will be going outside. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them. This PE kit should stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term.

Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. The bottles will be sent home for washing every Friday and should be returned on Monday morning.



Morning snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables. We have a school managing all-ergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.

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 the reception children will receive their reading books, please try to read with your child as often as you can.

Please let us know through the Evidence Me app what your child has been up to at home. We love to hear their news!