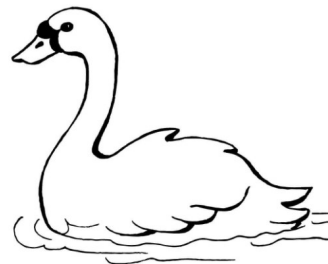




Swans Class – Early Years

Summer Term 2026

Parent Information



Our Values this term are Forgiveness, Resilience, Hope & Optimism and Citizenship.

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 Summer term our topics will include: The Seaside, Minibeasts, Planting and Growing and Fantasy Worlds. 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 observing the changing seasons and looking for minibeasts, plant some seeds in our allotment and watch them grow, do lots of related arts and crafts, perform singing and dancing and other topic related activities to cover the EYFS curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be looking at the topic 'Me and My World.' We will learn to understand the world we live in and the importance of recycling and looking after our surroundings. We will be continuing to support children developing their healthy living skills including brushing our teeth and learning to understand and regulate our emotions.

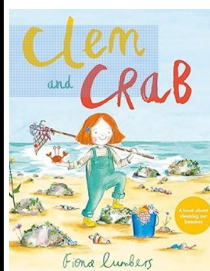


Physical Development

We will be developing our gross motor movement to confidently ride on our new bikes outside and in PE we will focus on ball handling skills. We will use a wide range of tools to aid our fine motor skills, encouraging the use of the tripod grip to hold a pencil and practice cutting with scissors.

Communication and Language

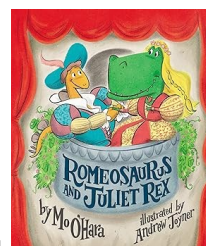
In circle time we will have lots of opportunities to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will learn how to ask questions to further understand each other. In play we will use language to communicate and organise our ideas. We will engage in stories and rhymes, learn lots of new vocabulary and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



Literacy

Our focus books this term are 'Clem and Crab' by Fiona Lumbers and 'Romeosaurus and Juliet Rex' by Mo O'Hara.

The stories will inspire the children to do lots of drawing and mark making /writing 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 Reception will be continuing to develop their subitising skills, understand the composition of numbers, comparison of numbers, 3D shapes and map work. Nursery will be continuing to look at repeating pattern, less/more and subitising.



Expressive Art and Design



This term we will be learning to create seaside pictures using different media, using the outdoors to create art and exploring new resources, skills and techniques, including watercolours and clay. We will continue to engage in lots of singing, music making with instruments, role playing, rhymes and story telling.



Understanding the World

We will be exploring the effects of the changing seasons from Spring to Summer and describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. We will be planting seeds and growing sunflowers and learning how to care for living things. We will look for minibeasts and continue to learn about cultural festivals and celebrations.

Staff

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

Reading



The Reception children will be continuing to take home reading books, which will be changed on a Monday. Nursery children will go home with a rhyme each week related to their phonics topic that week. 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 in their literacy lesson.

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

The Swan Class gate will open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am. Children will need to enter the school via the office after this time. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and sit down for registration. The children who are enrolled in the toothbrushing scheme will then do their teeth before assembly.

PE Kit



Our PE days are Tuesdays

Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days. Please ensure the you name their black jumpers and hoodies. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them. It is best not to wear earrings on a PE day.

Water Bottles and Snack/Lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. Please ensure only water is put in these bottles.



The children are given a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables at morning snack time. We have a school managing allergens 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 a red incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag or handed to you by the Teacher to inform 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 new reading books, every Monday. Please try to read with your child as often as you can. Maths homework will be given out on Fridays to Reception. This needs to be returned the following Thursday. Nursery will be given a song/rhyme sheet on Fridays to support the learning from their phonics lessons.