



Swallowfield Lower School

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To Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of the Spring term – it is set to be a very busy one! Our main themes this half term are the Elmer Stories by David McKee. Please take a look at our overview of the themes that we will be learning about on the school website, which is found under the Reception section.

Please may we remind you to regularly access your child's google classroom account. On there you can find online learning opportunities, additional materials that may support learning at home, as well as news and exciting things to share at home. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are having problems logging on. If you stumble across any technical issues while using the classroom, we would initially recommend googling your difficulty as it is created by the same company and has many useful help pages.

Please keep an eye on additional letters and the monthly newsletter for more information regarding the half term and possible events and activities to look out for. These will be shared through the SchoolPing app. This half term we will be starting to share weekly keywords for your child to practise recognising from sight at home. These will also be shared through SchoolPing so please check regularly for more information on how you can further support your child's early reading skills at home.

As a school we are continuing to follow the latest guidance relating to Covid. We have no further changes to share with you at this point – our year groups remain in Key Stage bubbles to minimise the mixing within school and all the hygiene recommendations remain in place. We will continue to update you as a school if further changes to guidance are put in place.

We would also like to remind you that we have a one-way system in our Reception area playground to ease people traffic and to support social distancing on our site at drop-off and collection. Please try not to congregate near the door or classroom windows for periods of time to eliminate a large collection of people in a small space.

A few gentle reminders:

Please remember to name all items of uniform and other belongings. If using a pen, this needs to be checked regularly as names wear off and iron on label can sometimes become unstuck. Please ensure children do not bring in toys or other items from home, as these often get lost or damaged which can be upsetting.



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With the changing weather, we ask that all children have their wellie boots in school for their environmental session and they are brought into school on the day each week which is as follows (these have changed so please take note):

YRG – Mondays

YRP - Wednesdays

Please continue to ensure both classes wear PE kits into school each Friday. As it gets colder jogging bottoms and jumpers will be a necessity as children will still have playtimes outdoors. We would also like to remind you to ensure **all** children have a complete spare uniform including underwear and socks on their peg for accidents and falls – particularly now we are into the wet winter months. Please also ensure this change of clothes are clearly named. Children should be wearing winter uniform the rest of the school week.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Papworth
Early Years Leader

Mrs Galloway
Reception Teacher

Mrs Garratt
Reception Teacher

Mrs Thomas
Reception Teacher