



Swallowfield Primary

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20th February 2023

To Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term – it is set to be a very busy one! Our main theme this half term is the Traditional Tales. 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. If you have any artefacts/resources/books you feel would support our topic please do inform your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary (at this stage!):

-This week we will be completing our Big Write for the term. Please see the writing stimulus on Google Classroom that we would love for you to explore at home before our Big Write session that takes place on Thursday. In our classroom Literacy sessions, we have been mainly focusing on describing the bird in an information text.

-21.2.23 – Reptile man visit. Please contact the school office if you have misplaced information or booking confirmation/payment details

-2.3.23 – World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character. We are pleased to announce that all Reception children will be visiting Woburn Sands library throughout this morning so please make sure the outfit is walk appropriate. When joining Swallowfield you filled in a local words authorisation form which has authorised this trip. If you have concerns please email your child's class teacher(s) directly.

-2.3.23 – PTFA fundraising evening (see separate information on Facebook)

-Week commencing 13.3.23 – Science Week. Throughout this week the children will take part in a Science workshop.

-13.3.23 – Busy Bees/Reception and Year 1 Mothers Day Afternoon Tea from 3pm

-17.3.23 – Red Nose Day

Week commencing 20.3.23 – Consultations week. Please look out for further information via ping nearer the time to view available slots to book.

-31.3.23 – break the rules day

Uniform

Please remember to name all items of uniform and other belongings that come into school. This includes all items of PE kit which is worn on a Friday. If using a pen, this needs to be checked regularly as names wear off and iron on labels 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. Children should now be continuing to wear their winter uniform. If you are unsure whether certain items fall into this category check with your child's class teacher or check the prospectus you have previously received. Please continue to leave a named pair of wellies at school if you wish for your child to have the opportunity to use our outdoor learning space – some were sent home over the break just in case they were needed during the break from school.

Learning at Home



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You will continue to find home learning tasks published on Google Classroom each half term. These cross curricular activities change every half-term according to the themes we will be covering. These activities are not essential – but will promote the children’s learning and understanding outside of the classroom, as well as promoting discussion at home with yourselves. We would recommend completing one activity per week but it is not a requirement – we understand life at home can be busy too. Any completed homework should be submitted by turning in the work through Google Classroom. If you are having any difficulties with this we would always recommend googling your issue first – as it is a Google program there is lots of helpful advice if you search through Google as your primary place to go with any difficulties. We will of course also help you in any way we can to resolves any difficulties.

We will also continue to share in the red book in the book bag on a Friday a selection of Keywords/letter sounds. These are a personalised small group of trickier words that children cannot successfully use their phonic knowledge to read. The expectation will be that you support your child at home to recognise the words/letter sounds from sight rather than a weekly spelling activity. One way you could support your child to recognise the words is hiding each word on a sticky note around different rooms at home – once the word is found, can they then read the word from sight rather than segmenting into singular sounds. Your child will visit these words with an adult in class on a Thursday afternoon – if they are successful, new words will be sent home, and if they are still tricky the word will be repeated again for the following week. Initially we may encourage children to learn letter sounds rather than full words to support early phonics learning. The amount of words is variable so please feedback to us any worries or concerns. Each half-term the children will be re-tested on the keywords – so if words are repeated later on in the year it is because the children have not shown us they have retained the recognition of a word at a later date, but please don’t be alarmed, just relearn to ensure long term recognition.

You will also continue to receive a weekly book from our home-school library. Please do write a short note of feedback how your child has found the book that week. There is a large amount of disparity between the books in each band so some weeks may be a stronger focus on early comprehension skills such as predicting the plot or reflecting on characters. Other weeks you may be able to place a stronger focus on independent decoding for your child to explore their ever expanding early reading skills.

If your child enjoys time on an iPad, phone or tablet then we have access to an app which will support your child’s learning. The login was shared with you in September via a letter but please do contact your child’s class teacher if these have been misplaced

-Numbots – a motivational maths practice programme that helps children achieve understanding, recall and fluency in early Maths skills.

General Housekeeping

The children receive drinks in the morning, either, milk or water. If you wish to change your child’s choice of drink for morning break time please do just let us know at the door or in a quick email.

Please may we remind you that there should be two orderly lines of parents/carers at the end of the day to make the end of day collection safe for all rather than a large collection. Please try to keep the class lines separate with YRBM lining up alongside the builders temporary fencing and YRW alongside the main school building – we ask this so we as class teachers can see that all children safely meet their adult.

We would like to make you aware that there are a range of opportunities to join our Swallowfield team. Please follow the following links for information:

Receptionist:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/159994/receptionist_swallowfield_primary

Early Years Practitioner:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/160005/early_years_practitioner_swallowfield_bu_y_beas

If you wish to contact your child’s class teacher with any queries, questions or concerns please do drop an email to your child’s class teacher:

YRBM – e.blakeburn@swallowfieldprimary.com (Monday-Wednesday)

– r.millward@swallowfieldprimary.com (Wednesday-Friday)

YRW – l.wisson@swallowfieldprimary.com

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Wisson

Mrs Blakeburn

Ms Millward