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# Swallowfield Primary

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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and we wish you a Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good Christmas break and would like to express our thanks for the kind words, cards and gifts we received. We have lots of exciting activities and planned for this year and can't wait to continue the children's learning and development this term.

Our history topic this half term is the Ancient Greeks, and we are busy planning lots of exciting activities for the children. You will already have received details of our planned Greek Day on Tuesday 9th January and are looking forward to an exciting learning experience. Details of all our planned learning for this term are attached along with this letter. You will also find copies of our medium-term plans, knowledge organisers for specific subjects and example timetables on the school website and in Google Classrooms.

## Pantomime Trip

We are extremely grateful that we will be attending the pantomime again this year – completely funded by our amazing PTFA. Year 5 will be going on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. The children will need to have a packed lunch on this day as we will be leaving school at 12.00pm. We aim to be back at school at 3.45pm.

## PE

Our PE day continues to be on a Wednesday. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on this day. We will have one indoor and one outdoor PE lesson (weather permitting), so the children will need to be appropriately dressed. It might be a good idea to wear shorts under tracksuit bottoms, a navy-blue sweatshirt or school fleece will be necessary particularly when the weather is colder, and trainers will be better than plimsoles. We will not be able to offer spare kit to the children so please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit every Wednesday. Also, please ensure that all jewellery and earrings are removed on that day.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent and submitted via Google classrooms. The children will be set 3 pieces of **compulsory** homework each week; Spellings, Maths and a written piece of work. Homework is intended not only to consolidate their learning in class but also to encourage their independent learning, organisation skills and self-discipline. Any work that is not completed by the due date will need to be completed during lunch and breaktimes at school.



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Homework will be posted on Friday afternoons and should be submitted by the following Friday morning. Any completed homework should be submitted via Google Classroom. Photographs or short video clips are an excellent way to record projects or practical pieces of work. It will not be necessary to submit spelling practice.

If completing or accessing homework is proving difficult or challenging, please sign your child up for one of the after-school homework clubs where one of the class teachers will be available to offer help or support.

## Equipment

Please ensure that children are only bringing the required stationery items as identified on the school website:

[https://swallowfieldprimary.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/year5and6equipment\\_20230718172000181.pdf](https://swallowfieldprimary.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/year5and6equipment_20230718172000181.pdf).

Additional items are proving troublesome, and it is not only upsetting if items are damaged or go missing but also an unwelcome distraction in the classroom. The only other items that your child will need to bring into school are a refillable water bottle, **fruit or vegetable** snack and a reading book (if they prefer to read a book from home).

Please try and avoid excessively large bags as cloakroom space is limited.

## Communication

Any important or urgent information will continue to be communicated via School Ping. If you need to contact either of the class teachers, please do so via email:

[h.woodman@swallowfieldprimary.com](mailto:h.woodman@swallowfieldprimary.com)

[f.sharpe@swallowfieldprimary.com](mailto:f.sharpe@swallowfieldprimary.com)

If you have any urgent matters, please contact the school office 01908 582101

Please let us know if you have any questions or queries and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team.