



Swallowfield Primary

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Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Two! We had a great summer break and it is so lovely to see all of the children back at school. We are excited about the year ahead and have lots to look forward to.

Curriculum

Our learning in the Autumn Term is focused around the theme 'Travelling Through Time'. The children will be learning about changes over time in travel and transport. Later in the term, we will also be learning about some famous explorers and map skills in our Geography lessons. Please see the website or Google Classroom for our medium-term plan which outlines what we will be covering week by week.

PE

We will continue to have a designated PE day. The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their Year group's PE day. Our PE day is a **Wednesday**. Please therefore send your child to school in their full PE kit every Wednesday. They do not need to bring any other clothes with them, except for a coat if it is cold or wet. A full PE kit should consist of a blue t-shirt and navy-blue shorts, along with navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy tracksuit top. Shorts are safer and more practical for some lessons (e.g. gymnastics) so we would suggest that in colder weather the children wear their shorts underneath their jogging bottoms. Socks and trainers or plimsolls also need to be worn. **No jewellery should be worn on PE days, including earrings.** Long hair should also be tied back.

Swimming will resume next week weather permitting. Please ensure that your child brings a swimming kit which includes swimwear and a towel in a separate bag to school on their swimming day. Goggles, unless prescription, are not permitted. Y2J (Banyan Class) will swim on a **Tuesday** and Y2H (Willow Class) will swim on a **Thursday**. No jewellery should be worn on swimming days, including earrings. Long hair should also be tied back.

Forest School

We are really lucky to have the opportunity to introduce our children to Forest School. We will start this in the Autumn Term with dates and a letter to follow from Mrs Davies our Forest School leader.

Equipment

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day and a morning fruit snack. We ask that the children only have water in their bottles please. They are provided with a piece of fruit in the afternoon.



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Homework

From the week beginning 9th September, your child will receive weekly spellings to practice at home and homework tasks to complete. Spellings will be posted on the Google Classroom every Friday to give you time to print them if you wish. There is no need to submit completed spelling practice sheets. The children will be tested on their spellings on Friday mornings. A separate letter will follow to explain about the spelling scheme we use in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Please submit any completed homework tasks to the assignment on Google Classroom. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you accept the invitation on your child's new Google Classroom.

Home School Library will resume on Wednesday 11th September. If you still have a book bag at home please ensure this has been returned to school prior to this date.

After Christmas, we will also begin to send home times tables for the children to learn.

Statutory Government Assessments

As you may already be aware, children in KS1 (years 1 and 2) are required to undertake a Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 1. Children who did not meet the required pass mark in Year 1, will re-take the Screening Check again at the end of Year 2. Interventions and additional support will be put in place to support these children with their phonics progression.

Going Home Arrangements

If your child is going home with someone else please let us know **prior to pick up**. Without parental consent, we are unable to release your child to anyone else. If your child will be going home with someone other than yourself on a regular basis (grandparents, childminders, after school club etc.), it would also be useful to have this in writing via email. For 'on the day arrangements', please contact the office when notifying us about pick up because teacher's emails may not be checked until after school. If there are any pre-existing arrangements, please email the relevant class teacher to ensure we have the most up to date information.

At the end of the day, the children will be released from the computer room door onto the playground. Please line up at the relevant side of the door and we will dismiss your child to you. This will be clearly signposted.

We are very much looking forward to a successful year together. If you feel that you need to come and talk to us about anything concerning your child, please do. Communication between home and school is important and please feel that you can approach us. With that in mind, the best way to contact us is to email us directly on the following email addresses. Please note that we will endeavour to respond to you within 2 working days. If the matter is more urgent please contact the school office on enquiries@swallowfieldprimary.com or 01908 582101.

Y2J (Banyan Class) – f.james@swallowfieldprimary.com

Y2H (Willow Class)– k.harding@swallowfieldprimary.com

As a school, we have decided to give our classes more of an identity and to name them after trees. Miss James' class (Y2J) will be known as Banyan Class and Miss Harding's class (Y2H) will be known as Willow Class.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year.

Kind regards

Miss James and Miss Harding
Year Two Teachers

