



Class Newsletter: Year 6 Swan Class

Date: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,


First and foremost, I hope you and your family had a good Christmas and kept safe and well. I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. We are excited for the term ahead and can't wait to get on with some more fabulous learning.

Throughout the last term, the children completed some fantastic learning. In English, we loved our class text 'The Snow Queen', where the children completed alternative endings for the famous story. We also completed persuasive letters after hearing of the impact of climate change on the Snow Queen's ice palace! The term finished with a special treat as we enjoyed a performance of The Snow Queen from a mobile theatre company. In the last week of the term, our attentions switched to Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. The children completed some fantastic character and setting descriptions and loved the opportunity to watch parts of the Muppets' version over the course of the week. In Art, we focused on the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and used pastels and watercolours to recreate our very own flower artwork. In Science, we focused on Light and lots of time in Maths was devoted to fractions and latterly coordinates. Christmas coordinates was certainly a hit in the final week of term! To see what else we got up to last term, check out our Twitter page [@RcpsSwans](#).

To see what learning we will be completing in Term 3, you should receive a Topic Web alongside this letter. Our class text will be 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' and our history focus will be the Ancient Greeks. You should also receive a History Knowledge Organiser complete with a timeline, key facts and key vocabulary; all of which related to what we will be focusing on in History this term.

Our Values this term are 'Tolerance' and 'Freedom'. We will also continue to put the children's mental and physical wellbeing at the forefront of all we do by moving onto the third theme of our wellbeing curriculum based on 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing'. Our wellbeing focus for Term 3 will be 'Connecting'. As always, we will also continue to make sure our three school rules of 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful' are upheld.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's Home Learning. As was the case in Terms 1 and 2, home learning will be chosen from the children's Maths, English and EGPS



CGP books, and will continue to be set each Monday to be handed in and marked the following Monday.

Alongside this, the children will also have weekly spellings from a chosen scheme. Your child should also practice their times tables at home ahead of Rapid Recall lessons in school. It remains our expectation that the children read regularly at home and record what they read in their Reading Records; thank you again for your support with this. Please see the end of the letter for our recommended reads for Year 6 children.

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays so children will need to make sure that they wear their PE kits into school on this day each week. Children should wear PE uniform only. As with last term, we will also be encouraging all of our Year 6 pupils to be sports ambassadors to our whole school. This means that their PE kit will consist of a **black PE top** if possible (or white as normal) with black or blue bottoms. Children will also need to bring in a refillable water bottle each day.

Finally, another huge well done to the children for approaching school with such positivity, enthusiasm and endeavour. With SATs fast approaching, the children remain very focused and I am extremely proud of them all. In Term 4, we will organise a Parents SATs Meeting to discuss how the tests run whilst offering help and advice on how you can support your child. The tests will commence on Monday 12th May and finish on Thursday 15th May. In the meantime, I am very much looking forward to another fantastic term ahead. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email or the school office if you have any questions or concerns. I am always happy to have a chat or a meeting with you. For class updates, follow the class Twitter page mentioned earlier – There will plenty more posts on here this term.

Best wishes and looking forward to Term 3.

Mr Sykes

