



Class Newsletter: Year 6 Swan Class

Date: Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,


First and foremost, I'd like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school for Term 4. I hope you and your family had a nice break! As always, we have an action-packed term coming up but I would also like to take the chance to celebrate our learning from last term too.

Throughout last term, the children completed some excellent learning. In English, we loved our class text 'The Girl of Ink & Stars'. We took inspiration from it by creating our very own mythical islands, heroes and villains culminating in the writing of a myth in the last week of term. We even used AI technology to bring the children's descriptions to life; this was a real highlight for the children! Earlier in the term, we wrote newspaper reports based on dramatic events in the story. It was wonderful to see the children take such pride and enjoyment from their work. In History, we thoroughly enjoyed our Ancient Greek topic. We started the term by immersing ourselves into Ancient Greek culture before dedicating future lessons to democracy, Athens and Sparta, Ancient Greek life, the Olympics and much more! Cross-curricular links were made to our Art topic which culminated in the children producing stunning Greek pots. The children loved making them and were experts at carving intricate patterns.

In Science, we focused on 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In our final lesson, we set up a super experiment observing microorganisms. In PE, we enjoyed a term of cricket and football whilst in Maths, we focused on algebra! 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 4, you should receive a Topic Web alongside this letter. Term 4 is our author study and we will be looking at the works of Shaun Tan. Our main class text will be 'The Viewer' although we will be reading other Shaun Tan books including 'The Lost Thing'. Our geography focus will be 'Trade and Economics'. You should also receive a Geography Knowledge Organiser complete with key facts and key vocabulary; all of which related to what we will be focusing on in Geography this term.

Our Values this term are 'Appreciation' and 'Love'. We will also continue to put the children's mental and physical wellbeing at the forefront of all we do by moving onto the fourth theme of our wellbeing curriculum based on 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing'. Our wellbeing focus for Term



4 will be 'Take Notice' as we will encourage the children to pay more attention to the present moment, to their own thoughts and feelings and to the world around them. 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. Home learning will be chosen from the children's Maths, Reading 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 our 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.

SATs are now fast approaching and the children should be proud of their efforts in Year 6. They are continuing to work very hard and have made excellent progress this year. A couple of key dates related to SATs are below:

March 27th – Parent SATs/ Residential Meeting (2:30 – 3:15)

May 13th – 16th – SATs Week

July – SATs results communicated to parents (exact date to be confirmed)

Thanks again for all your support. Best wishes and looking forward to Term 4.

Mr Sykes

Recommended Reads for Year 6

