



Swans – Year 4 Autumn 2, 2020



We hope that you have had a happy, restful half term break, and the children are ready for their new half term.

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The main areas of focus are as follows:

- **Maths:** We will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on addition and subtraction, length and perimeter, and multiplication and division. We will continue to learn our multiplication tables on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to do a little practise at home. Remember, they have access to Times Tables Rock Stars as a learning tool plus the suggestions in the times tables booklet on the class page on the website. The recovery curriculum this half term will focus on fractions.
- **English:** We will link this with a topic theme where we will be writing a Native American inspired myth; as well as completing diary entries and poetry. The recovery curriculum will focus on spellings, grammar and punctuation.
- **Science:** We will be focusing on Electricity and will be finding out about what electricity is, appliances that use it, conductors and insulators, creating and understanding simple circuits and completing investigations using electrical circuits.
- **PSHE:** Our focus is to recognise and celebrate difference. This will include looking at our appearances and how we look and perceive others, understanding what influences us, understanding bullying and problem solving.
- **RE:** Our topic will be to look at how faith is expressed in Hindu communities and their traditions.
- **PE:** We will be looking at target games through tri golf, and completing personal and team challenges through Athletics and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Swans' PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

*PE kit is: coloured team t-shirt (plain – no slogans), black shorts, trainers. Longer hair must be tied back and NO JEWELLERY OR WATCHES. They will also need a warm sweatshirt (no hoodies, please) and tracksuit bottoms in case the weather is colder or a little wet, plus a bag for muddy trainers. **We WILL be going outside for PE wherever possible.** It is essential that the children have their kit in school EVERY DAY. PE kits will go home on Friday and returned on Monday.*

Homework: Homework is emailed home on Friday and consists of: reading five times per week, spellings practise, times tables practise, key number facts practise, maths with parents.

Snacks: In KS2 the children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break time. This should be fruit or vegetables ONLY, please.

Christmas

Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, a Christmas film and a class party.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via admin@gbpa.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Mrs Litchfield