



Class Newsletter

Swans - Summer Term 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a fun and restful Easter. As before, please rest assured that the school is continuing to take every reasonable measure to keep your children safe in the current climate.

Our main topic this half term is 'Fever, Fire and Fashion' and we will be learning all about life in 17th century London. We will learn about what people did for leisure through looking at the Frost Fairs that took place on the frozen River Thames. The children will find out more about the Plague, its causes and the cures that were recommended in the 1600s, comparing those to current responses to a global pandemic. We will look at clothes, hairstyles and cosmetics that were popular at the time and how they could be bad for your health!

In our English lessons we will be writing formal letters to describe the Frost Fairs. Later we will be holding a debate with arguments both for and against bear baiting, trying to put ourselves in the shoes of a typical Londoner of the 1600s. We will also create a make-up advert for some of the cosmetics products available at the time, using persuasive language to 'brush over' the obvious health problems associated with spreading lead on your face!

In Maths we will be continuing with our work on fractions, decimals and percentages, emphasizing the link between these 'parts of a whole'. We will move on to parts of a circle and pie charts, co-ordinates with translation and reflection, ratio and also tackling algebra!

Our P.E. this half term will again be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor and indoor P.E. kit in school on these days. We will be getting outside for some hockey, as well as doing some dance indoors.

Our Guided Reading will be changing this term to be a weekly lesson in the morning which will focus on a short text or book extract. We will continue to read a book together as a class in the afternoons—this term we will be continuing with 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen.

Pupils will also complete a weekly Maths and English/Topic task for their Home Learning. Homework times for Swans will be as follows – Maths will be given on a Tuesday, and needs to be in the same Thursday. English/Topic will be given on a Friday and needs to be in the following Tuesday. Please ensure your child keeps to these times so that I can keep on top of the marking! Spellings will be tested on a Friday and a new list given out the same day.

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