

Focus Children

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Swallow Class, each week, we will be focusing on 4 (one week there will be 5) children. Please see the attached timetable showing which week is your child's focus week.

On the week before your child's focus week I will send out a letter asking for more information about your child and for them to bring in some objects. This will help us get to know your child better and give them the opportunity to share things about their lives with the class. There is a section for you to talk about your child's strengths or challenges; tell us about anything that is working well/ not so well at home and a space to ask any questions. This is attached too. I will send a new one with your child's name on the week before the focus week. **Please return this on the Friday before your child's focus week so we can prepare.**

During the week, staff will particularly focus on your child's interests, learning, strengths and challenges and focus on helping them to achieve their best in their learning, encouraging their enquiring mind and supporting their social skills to respect themselves and others. We will record their interactions with staff, where they have met objectives within the National Curriculum and their next steps and how you can support them at home. All this information will be recorded in a **Learning Journey** for your child which will be sent home or sent via email. I will then **meet you for a five minute discussion after school on the Thursday or Friday or have a five-minute telephone call with you to feedback.** I understand that we may have to work around work, meetings and other appointments so I will try to be as flexible as possible to accommodate these meetings.

We are trialling this approach in Swallow Class this half-term to get to know you and your child well; to give you chance to get to know how your child is doing in school and to talk to their class teacher. This information sharing between home and school will help us to support your child as best we can.

We will still continually monitor, focus and assess the work of all children in Swallow Class as part of our ongoing usual teaching practice but this just helps us to get to know you and your child more. Once we have Seesaw set up for you, it will be much easier for me to get messages to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Swallow Class Team



Where a love of learning grows
Growing in knowledge
Growing in faith
Growing in God's love

Philippians 4:13 **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"**

