

Swallow Class – Autumn 2

Welcome back!

This term we welcome Miss England as teaching assistant in Swallow Class.

Focus Children:

We will continue to have 4/5 Focus children each week – see the dates attached – and your child will be able to bring in items and talk about '**Their Favourite Place**' linked to our geography topic.

They can bring in items collected (leaves, conkers, rubbings); photos or drawings of their favourite local place and tell us why they like it and why it is special to them. It can be a field, a stream, their favourite place in the garden...

They can consider their senses: what they hear, see, smell and feel there.

I will still contact parents if there is anything to discuss regarding your child's progress and send out the letter regarding changes at home and any worries you have. Still feel free to contact me with any concerns, anytime.

Help to expand our outdoor learning!

To create maths activities for outdoor following items they would be happy to maths activities?

- 4 x small gorilla buckets
- Medium, large clean pebbles
- Branch slices



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Thank you in advance. It will be great to have the children working on their maths activities using the outdoors as much as possible and your help will be greatly appreciated.

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Please send in any old cereal packets for our design technology project.

Nativity:

We will soon begin to practise our Nativity and the children will be bringing home their words. Look out for these next week and please help your child to learn them.

Essential Homework:

Reading and spelling:

Please listen to your child read at least five times a week. Even if it is just three pages a night. The Reading Wizard will be visiting our class and if your child has read at home at least three times and had their reading diary signed, they will win team points and a prize!

Please also help them to read the common exception words on class pages on the school website. These can be printed off and worked through each week.

Please begin at Set 1 and then progress to Set 2. Choose 4-5 words each week and use them as flashcards for your child to read by sight. These words cannot be decoded easily and are very common in our language so if they learn to read them instantly it will help them to build their fluency.



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Growing in faith
Growing in God's love

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



If they know 2/3 really well by the end of the week leave these out and replace with two more words. Every so often, revisit those previous words so they do not forget them.

You can play memory- matching games with them, hide them around the house or beat the timer on speed of reading them. Can your child put one of the words orally into a sentence?

Once your child can read them, choose 2-3 for them to practice spelling. This can be with coloured pens, using magnetic letters, in the bath with bath crayons, with paints, whatever you like. Try dictating a simple sentence with the word in or have your child create their own imaginative sentence. Have they remembered capital letter, finger spaces and full stops?

Extra Homework:

This is not essential homework but here if you would like any extra work for your child:

1. Funny Bones reading activities attached.
2. Maths – counting forward and back from any number to 100. Finding one more and one less than a number. Making the number with 1p coins or difference coins as a challenge.
3. Purple Mash. Your child has a Purple Mash login. This term, they will be learning to access the resources in school but I have created two geography tasks your child can complete. They are free to have a go at some of the other tools on there too.

Reading for Pleasure Book:

Every other Friday, your child will have opportunity to visit our school library to loan a book. This book is not to be read by your child but a book to be shared with your child. You can read it to them; they can join in phrases and talk about the events, pictures, story or information together. It is simply for enjoyment. The book will then need to be returned two weeks later for another book to be issued. Please also consider joining Garstang library for some new, exciting reads!

PE sessions may change throughout the year but currently we will have P.E. on a Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Please send in P.E. kits and trainers for those days, remembering to have your child's name in all their clothes.

We will hopefully visit Patty's Barn and their nature trail as part of our geography fieldwork (weather permitting – look out for details) and will have an online session with the National Archives looking at historical artefacts. It promises to be a very exciting term!

Kindest regards,

Swallow Class Team ☺



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