

Welcome to our class, the Swallows!

Welcome back to a new term and the start of Year 4, I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

General information

- Please ensure your child wears correctly **named uniform** on a daily basis; this should include suitable **black school shoes** and hair tied back with plain, school coloured hair bands or clips. A red sweatshirt with the school logo must be worn.
- Please ensure any money is sent to school in a sealed, named envelope, although we are a cashless school with online payments, where possible.
- If your child is not being picked up by the usual adult, then please let the teacher know at the beginning of the school day or phone through to leave a message as soon as possible.
- As you know, we provide wrap around care with our Breakfast and Teatime club; if your child is booked into Teatime Club please ensure they are aware of this so as to avoid any confusion.
- If your child is unable to attend any of the after-school clubs that they regularly attend, please send a note into school or speak to the teacher so that we are all aware of where they are.
- Please could your child have a **named** art shirt in school at all times for when we get messy in art to protect school uniforms.

PE Kits

Due to Covid children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and will wear it for the full day. **PE this term is on Wednesday and Friday**, so please can they arrive to school with a plain white T shirt, red school sweatshirt, black shorts, with plain black jogger bottoms or black leggings over the top if you wish and wearing plimsolls or trainers. **Earrings need to be removed for each PE session**, ideally at home or your child is to remove them themselves. If they are unable to do this, please provide suitable micropore or plasters for earrings to be covered for every session.

Homework

Homework will normally be set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Wednesday. The children will *usually* be set maths and English that is related to work that we have been doing in class. As well as this, there will also be maths facts and spellings to learn, ready for a test and 'Spelling Shed' - a fun way to help with spellings.

If your child finds their homework particularly difficult please ask them to speak to myself or Mrs Robinson. Due to Covid, homework club will not be running as we cannot mix bubbles. I am happy to discuss how we can support the completion of homework if needed.

Please try to support your child as much as possible by providing them with a calm, quiet atmosphere to work in and ensuring they understand the task.

Reading

We will listen to your child read individually once a week. In accordance to current advice, we will not be recording this in the home diary, instead keeping records in school. They will bring their reading book and reading record home on a daily basis and are expected to read to an adult at home for 5 to 10 minutes a day. We encourage children to log any reading in their reading record, noting the date, book name and end page number. If they wish to add a comment about what they've read that would be great. Home reading little and often will help your child to become more confident and is a great way for you to see the progress that they are making. Please record this in their reading record and send this back in to school **every** morning. Within the classroom there will be a selection of books for your child to choose from, once they have finished reading and completed the quiz on Accelerated Reader the books will be quarantined before being used again/returned to the library. It is important for children to develop a love of reading, whether it is fiction, non-fiction, comics or newspapers. It is vital to allow your child to access all areas of school life and beyond. There are also opportunities during the week for your children to be reading for pleasure in school.

Our class reading book this term is 'The Leopard in the Golden Cage' by Julia Edwards.

Water Bottles and Snack

Children are allowed bring in a named water bottle from home containing **water only**. Children can bring in a healthy snack - **a piece of fruit or raw vegetables** to eat at break time.

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. The children have agreed a class charter for acceptable behaviour and are rewarded if they adhere to the rules. We also like to reward good work and behaviour with house points, certificates and stickers.

Topic

This term the children are going to be learning all about 'The Romans'. If you have any information or knowledge about this topic that you would like to share with our class, then please contact me.

I am looking forward to working with your child and yourselves, if you need any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Many thanks,

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