

Homework & PE Days

English: All children should read for 10–15 minutes daily. Please talk to your child about what they have read and sign the reading record.

Maths: Children need to be learning their times tables throughout the year. By the end of year 4, they should know all of their times tables up to 12x12.

“Signposts” Homework: Every fortnight on Friday, children will be given ‘Signposts’ homework. There will be two or three topic headings and children are asked to show what they know or what they can find out about each of the headings. This homework will be given out on alternate Fridays and due in on the Thursday – date shown on the sheet.

Here is a helpful reminder for the week:

Daily: **Reading records and books**

MONDAY: PE kits

Thursday: PE Kits.

FRIDAY: Spellings go home. “Signposts” Homework goes home fortnightly.

PE Days: Your child will need their named PE kit, including indoor shorts, white t-shirt and trainers and for safety reasons please remember that long hair needs to be tied back and earrings should not be worn on PE days, or micro-pore tape should be provided.

Children in Year 3 & 4

By the end of the summer term, Year 4 children should:

- ★ know all their tables up to and including 12x tables.
- ★ be able to understand and use the four operations with numbers to 1000
- ★ be getting more confident in working with money, measures and time.
- ★ be able to read an unfamiliar text using a range of strategies and then talk about it and answer questions.
- ★ be able to give a personal point of view on a text.
- ★ be able to re-explain a text with confidence.
- ★ be able to write in sentences with capital letters and full stops using tidy handwriting.
- ★ use commas to mark clauses.
- ★ use connectives to link paragraphs.
- ★ use interesting language and be able to spell a range of words

Swallow Class

Link Letter



Spring 2016



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Swallow Learning Team

Meet the staff

Welcome to Spring term in Swallow class. We had a great term in the Autumn, and the teachers in Swallow Class are very much looking forward to Spring.

As last term, the class teacher is Miss McGinty, with Mrs Pemberton will be teaching Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Mrs Pavlitski is the teaching assistant in our class.

For Maths this year, Year 3 children will have Miss McGinty. Year 4 children will have Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Howard.

As always, we are happy to help. Make an appointment to come and see us after school if you have a problem. We hope all children have an enjoyable time in Swallow class.

Themes for the Autumn Term

Our themes this term will be:

We will be studying 'Polar Landscapes' as our topic this term. (See our curriculum map for more detail). We will also be looking at 'Light and Sound' and 'Magnets' in Science and 'Money Matters' in PSHE.

You can help by:

- Continuing to read a bedtime story to your child.
- Helping them to practice their spellings and times-tables.
- Helping them to complete any homework they are given.
- Asking them about their day.

Health and Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's education. If your child is absent from school for any reason school needs to know. Please telephone the school by 9.15 a.m. on the first day of absence.

If medicine is prescribed arrangements can only be made for administration in school if the dosage is x4 daily. Parents are asked to complete a request form and all medicines must be handed to Mrs Robinson, in the original packaging clearly labelled with date, contents, pupil's name and dosage.

We do expect all children to bring their reading book and record book to and from school daily in a dedicated book bag.

Spellings – spelling folder.

Spellings linked to spelling rules and patterns and word work in class will be **sent home on a Friday** and will be **assessed in class the following Friday**.

Please keep the spelling folder at home to practice during the week, but bring it in each Friday ready for new spellings.