



Swifts' Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021



We have made a great start to the term and all the children are getting used to being back in the classroom full time. We have already enjoyed some extra-curricular activities such as listening to a jazz band, having cricket coaching from Old Buckenham cricket club and, for Year 6 to start with, some great Forest School experiences.

Curriculum News

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt. Through this topic we will be exploring-

- Where is Egypt?
- Importance of River Nile- Fertility of land and Trade
 - Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
 - Importance of gods and goddesses
- The work of Egyptologists and discovery of Tutankhamun
 - Pharaohs, pyramids and mummification
 - Inventions and influences
 - Everyday life

Look out for information coming out soon about a trip to Norwich Castle Museum for an Egyptian Day (Monday 15th November) - should be fun and informative for all.

In Maths we will be revising place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using and applying our skills in problem solving situations. We will be looking at fractions too later in the term.

In Literacy, our work will often be linked to our topic and our whole class text, 'Secrets Of A Sun King'. We have started with a newspaper report about the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Reading

The children will be provided with a book from school which can be changed as often as you would like. As a 'free reader' in Swifts, the children will be expected to complete a book review once they have completed their book. When you share a book with your child at home, please write a comment in the reading diary. Please remember that children of all ages and abilities still love having a story read to them too!

Science

This term we will be investigating Materials and their Properties. We will be carrying out some investigations and considering what makes a 'fair test'. We will be using the Chromebooks to create results tables and graphs. We will also be researching and writing a non-chronological report about sustainability and the importance of eco-friendly materials.

Times tables

Your child has picked a times table to work on. They will be tested every Wednesday to check their progress with the times table they have chosen - 3 mins to answer 40 questions (multiply and divide). If they are confident with all the times tables they will have a mixed selection.

Please encourage your child to practise at home and use TT Rockstars too.

Spellings

Spelling lists will be given out and shared on Class Dojo on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. Lots of the children have access to a Nessy account to support their spelling work which we encourage you to use with them at home.

Homework

Well done to all who have accessed and completed work on SATS Companion. This online tool is not just about SATS revision, it gives the children practice in all the key areas of the KS 2 curriculum. Homework will be set every Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday and will feature questions relating to something we are doing that week in class.

P.E and Forest School

P.E days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your child in wearing their P.E kit. Forest School sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons. The first half of the term will be Year 6 and after the half term break will be Year 5. Please bring appropriate wet/ cold weather gear and wellies as we will be going out whatever the weather!

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle each day. They are welcome to bring in a few bits of stationary with them but we ask that other toys etc remain at home.

We are here to help...

There can be times in a child's life when personal circumstances may affect his/her learning or behaviour in school. Please get in touch with us through Class Dojo and we will arrange to meet and discuss any concerns if necessary.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Stanley and Mrs Negus