



Swans Newsletter

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Our Early Year's Vision is for all children to be happy, confident, independent, inquisitive and resilient learners.

Welcome back to Term 2. Children have settled back in to routine very well.

Our topic this week has been about toys. Children told us all about the new toys they had for Christmas. We set up a toy shop in the role play area and have introduced children to the different coins of our currency, with the focus being mainly on the 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p coins. We will be continuing on with this next week with a focus being on old toys and games. If you have any old toys that we could borrow to share during our language for thinking time they would be greatly appreciated.

Please Remember...

Communication books

These books are for parents to correspond with the teachers in Reception and vice versa about their child. Please be mindful that these books should last until the end of the year. Things that are helpful for us to know that you can put in the communication book are; If something has happened at home that could impact your child's learning at school, if they are leaving early for an appointment (these should be reported to the office) or someone different is picking them up. If you are missing items of clothing or are unsure about anything. Things that should be mentioned at the door are items like needing inhalers or other medication, if your child is visibly upset at that time and if something major has happened at home that will impact your child at school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this

Items of clothing including coats, gloves, hats, scarves and shoes should be named!

This week in the Foundation Stage we would like your child to be an

TRYCERATOPS

Keep on trying

- I believe that if I keep on trying or change what I'm doing, it will pay off.
- I am able to bounce back after difficulties.
- I stick with an activity even when challenges arise.

Send me a Selfie Homework

Send me a selfie! You can print the selfie yourself and hand it in or you can email me the photo straight from your phone!

My email address is chatter@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

The homework is to be in by Friday 19th January.

This week the Selfie homework is

'I can play a game...'

We have been looking at toys and games as part of our learning. Please take a selfie of you playing a game from the past. It could be hopscotch, snakes and ladders, a skipping game, jacks or anything else you can think of. Be creative and have fun!

How you can help your child at home

- Please continue to work with your children at home on their reading, phonics and forming their letters correctly, making sure your child has the correct tripod pencil grip. It has a huge impact on their development in the classroom and it is clear to see who practises regularly.
- Please help your child to practise recognising and writing their names.
- Please play games with your children like snap, dominoes, ludo etc as this helps them build up good cooperation skills and some number skills.

**Next week in the Foundation Stage we will be continuing our learning about
Toys – New and Old**



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