



Swans Newsletter

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

This week we have been continuing on with our topic about toys. We have been looking at old toys and comparing the differences and similarities to our toys. Some toys are still being played with today but are now made out of plastic instead of wood or tin from the past. We are sending home a snakes and ladders board with your children tonight which is theirs to keep. Please take the time to play with your children to help increase cooperation skills and number/counting recognition. You can use anything small you find at home for the counters such as buttons, raisins, paper clips etc. if you don't have a dice write numbers 1 to 6 on pieces of paper and put those into a cup to shake and pull out when it's your turn. Be creative!

If you have any good condition but unwanted dolls, prams, dolls clothes, duplo sets, or any other imaginative toys suitable for our small world area we would greatly appreciate them. Thank you!

Please Remember...

Communication books

These seem to be working well. Thank you for your cooperation. We will be having another stay play and chat session where you can book a time to talk to me about how your children are doing at school. Please fill in the reading record book too so we can see who is reading at home. Thank you.

Phonics books – We are learning the next phase of letter sounds so please make sure the phonics book comes to school every day. Thank you.

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

The Swans class blog will be updated every week so don't forget to take a look to find out what your children have been up to during the week.

...Don't Forget

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

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Willing to have a go

- I can initiate activities.
- I like to seek out things that will challenge me.
- I like to show a can do attitude.
- I enjoy taking a risk, trying new things and learning by trial and error.

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 26th January.

This week the Selfie homework is 'Numbers in the environment...'

Where do you see numbers? What numbers can you see? Have a look around your local area to see what numbers you can see. It might be a bus number or a car registration number. Be creative and have fun!

Dates for your calendar

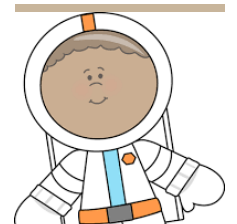
We will be having a phase 3 phonics workshop and another stay play and chat session so watch this space!

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. There are a few children who are using an incorrect grip that we need to help rectify. It is clear to see who practises regularly and it does have a huge impact on their development in the classroom.
- Please help your child to practise recognising and writing their names, with correct letter formation and pencil grip.
- Please continue to help your child to recognise and count 1:1 their numbers, shapes and use language such as heavier, lighter, taller, smaller, bigger, in front of, behind, forwards, backwards etc.
- 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 learning about

Space



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