



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 'space'. So far we have looked at the sun, the moon and the earth with a brief reference to the other planets in the solar system. We will be continuing on with this theme next week using 'Aliens love underpants' as a basis for our discovery time activities. To finish off the week we are asking the children to come to school in their uniform with a brightly coloured or patterned pair of underpants over the top. The funnier the better. This will finish off the week and our topic about space.

The space themed role play area has been very popular. Please ask your children if they have played in there and what they did.

We have been advised that only children with a doctor's note stating a medical condition not allowing them access to the outside area will be able to stay inside at lunch time as there is no supervision indoors other than the computer room for a select few. It is expected that all children will go outside for a breath of fresh air and have the option to sit quietly and not run around if they so wish. There are lunchtime supervisors on duty to care for the children at this time as teachers and TA's have their lunch at this time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please take a look at the play stay and chat times on the door and sign up for a session to talk to me in regards to child's achievements. Thank you.

If you have any good condition but unwanted dolls, prams, dolls clothes, duplo sets, or any other construction/ imaginative toys suitable for our small world area we would greatly appreciate them. We are also looking for some sand and water type toys too if anyone has any they have finished with.

Thank you!

Please Remember...

Learning Journals

Please remember to send us an email with a picture attached to show you have received your child's learning journal. We appreciate all comments sent too. We will be selecting the person who responds the most from a hat to win a prize during our next phonics workshop which will be in the first week back after half term!!

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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Playing with what I know

- I like taking on a role when I play.
- I like acting out my experiences when I play.
- I like acting out my experiences with other people.
- I like pretending objects are things that I know.

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 9th February.

This week the Selfie homework is 'outer space...'

When you look up to the sky what can you see? Maybe the moon, the stars, the sun or maybe you have a book about outer space or even dressing up clothes. Send a selfie of yourself with something outer space related! Be creative and have fun!

Dates for your calendar

Stay play and chat session's week beginning 12th February All day Tuesday 13th and all day Thursday 15th February at various times. Please sign up to one time slot.

Phase 3 phonics workshop week beginning 26th February (time and date to be confirmed)

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. We have sent home a set of tricky words too. 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 continuing with our learning about

Space



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