



Swans Newsletter

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

Continuing on with our topic about 'space' we read the story 'Aliens love Underpants' this week. It is a funny story about how aliens come to earth and take underpants off the washing line to wear on their heads, feet and bodies. They particularly like patterned ones, especially grandma's spotty bloomers! The children have been involved in lots of different activities including having a go at writing their own class story about Kipper going to the moon and meeting an alien. They have also gone on an alien word hunt around the room, washed underpants in the water tray, painted aliens, made alien flying saucers and matched up different patterns.

To finish off the week we are asked 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. We have put some photos on the blog of children in their underpants like the aliens.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for the stay, play and chat sessions next week. I am looking forward to the chance to share with you your child's achievements. The play sessions are an opportunity for you to spend some time with your child participating in a variety of activities that they regularly take part in during our discovery time sessions.

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!! Check the calendar section for the date!

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! It's surprising how many go missing!

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.

Play, stay and chat sessions are next week on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February.

...Don't Forget

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

Having my own ideas

- I am able to think of ideas.
- I can find ways to solve problems.
- I am able to find new ways to do things.

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 16th February.

This week the Selfie homework is 'free choice!'

We have been celebrating Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) Valentine's day and the Chinese New Year this week so you could take inspiration from those days or come up with your own selfie idea. Children are expected to talk about their selfie homework so please talk with your child about the selfie that is taken so they are able to talk about it at school! Be creative and have fun!

Dates for your calendar

Stay play and chat session's All day Tuesday 13th and all day Thursday 15th February at various times. Please check your allotted time and arrive just before thank you.

Phase 3 phonics workshop Tuesday 27th February at 1:30pm in Reception Classroom.

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 learning about
Shrove Tuesday, Valentine's Day & The Chinese New Year!



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