



Swans Newsletter

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

Our Bodies

We have had a fun week this week taking part in an obstacle course that encouraged us to use our bodies to balance, step, crawl, jump, hop, catch and throw. We also listened to different genres of music and used our bodies to dance and move to the music. We swayed, pointed our toes, twisted, shook, clapped, moved quickly and slowly.

Phonics

We have now been learning our letter sounds (phonemes) for a few weeks. We introduce three new letters a week as well as constantly going over previously taught sounds. Please help your children at home by regularly looking at their sounds in the red book and practicing them so children can recall them without hesitation. Have a go at blending two letters together to make words such as at, in etc we sent home a small sheet of words to help with this. Use them to play snap. When practicing letter formation please make sure your child is holding their pencil correctly in the tripod grip and are forming the letters correctly. If in doubt please ask as we are happy to help.

Next Week

We will be looking at the story 'Funny bones' to introduce the learning on skeletons next week. If anyone has any xrays we can borrow can you please send them in for us to look at. Thank you.

Dates for your calendar

Toys party – Friday 26th October. More info to follow.

Last day of Term – Friday 26th October

Please Remember...

Your stay play and chat time. You will have time to do an activity with your child based on the weeks theme of a toy party.

To name all items of your child's belongs – including hats, scarves and gloves.
To return your email address so I can send you your child's learning journal soon.

...Don't Forget

**This week in the Foundation Stage we would like your child to be a
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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..

Selfie Homework

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

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

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

This week the Selfie Homework is 'I can climb the stairs using alternative feet...'

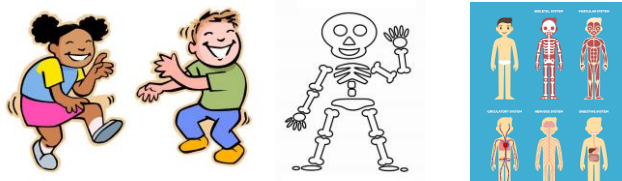
Take a picture of your child using the stairs. Children are expected to talk about their selfie homework photo so please talk with your child about the selfie that is taken so they are able to talk about it at school! Thank you! Be creative and have fun!

How you can help your child at home

- Please play games with your children like snap, dominoes, bingo, pairs etc as this helps them build up good cooperation skills and some number skills like recognising numbers on a dice without counting them. This is called subitising.
- Please share books together and read them stories, this helps build up vocabulary and will help with their reading once we start sending reading books home.
- Practice writing their names, holding the pencil correctly using a tripod grip and correct letter formation.
- Practice getting dressed and undressed including buttons, zips and laces.

Thank you for your cooperation.

This half term in the Foundation Stage we are learning all about ourselves. Next week we are continuing with 'Our bodies and how they move/ work'



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... Aiming for Excellence