



Nursery Swans Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Autumn 2!

We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for an exciting half term!

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy (writing/reading)
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Key dates for your diary:

Friday 7th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 7th November Halloween Disco 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 11th November Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 13th November Parent's Evening 3.45 -5.30pm

Friday 14th November Wear Spots for Children in Need

Sunday 16th November Run Kids Run event @London Community Track

Friday 21st November Year 3 present Biker's Breakfast 8.30-9.30am

Friday 21st November FRoG's AGM 3pm

Monday 24th November Sibling and Individual Photographs

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December EYFS and Years 1 and 2 Nativity @St Mary of Eton 9.30am

Wednesday 17th December- FRoG's Annual Christmas Party 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 18th December end of term 2pm

Friday 19th December INSET day Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Christmas Closure Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Monday 5th January INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

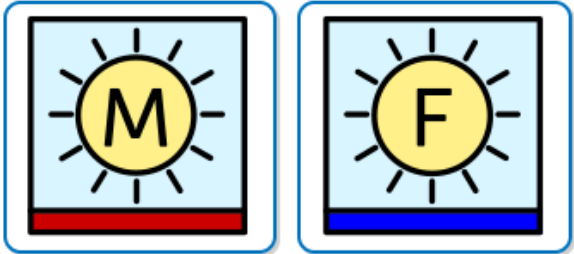
Tuesday 6th January Spring 1 starts Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

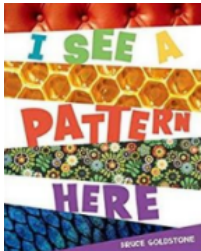
Our learning this half term are based around the topics; **Autumn** and **Christmas**.

We will be experimenting with various sensory Autumn objects and natural resources such as pumpkins, conkers, leaves, and pinecones.

We will also develop an understanding of the celebration of Christmas. We will discuss what it represents and how it is celebrated in different families, in different ways.

As part of our **RE** topic we will be learning about Jesus and the story of Christmas.

Family Friday	PE
We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 8:45-9:30am every other Friday. Our Family Friday dates for Swans are: Friday 14th November- Come and join us and make your own leaf man. Friday 28th November- come and join us to have a teddy bears picnic - bring your own bear from home. Friday 5th December- come and help us make paper chains to decorate our classroom.	Class PE Day: Monday and Friday Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays. 
Reading	Writing
Our core texts for this term are: Leaf Man The Everywhere Bear Dear Santa  Book packs We will be giving out reading book packs to children and families to read at home. This includes activities relevant to the story that supports children's writing and communication skills. Each book pack will be given out every Friday and should be returned on the following Tuesday.	We will have mark making opportunities in different areas of the provision. We will explore using different tools to make marks and begin to give meaning to them. Our mark making opportunities will focus on making simple marks such as circles, straight and wavy lines. We will do this using a variety of tools i.e. pens, crayons, pencils and chalk. 

Maths	Forest School
In Nursery, the children will have opportunities to explore mathematical concepts in all areas of the provision. This term we will be focusing on recognising changes in quantities, categorising objects by properties i.e. shape or colour, as well as beginning to recognise patterns in our environment. 	Forest School is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors. Children will need to come to school in suitable clothing as we learn the skills needed to be safe and successful at Forest School. Forest School will take place from: 5th November. Children will need wellington boots and puddle suits, our sessions will be every Wednesday morning. 
Junk modelling and loose parts	Useful information
We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modeling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells. 	• Water bottles: Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as we provide individual bottles in class. • Label uniforms and spare clothes: Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child and label the uniforms. • Clubs ○ Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45 ○ After school clubs 3.45-5.00 ○ Playcentre 5.00-6.00
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
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