



Nursery Swans Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

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 16th January- Come and join us and decorate your own snowflake.

Friday 30th January - come and join us to make your own bus out of junk modelling parts.

Friday 13th February- come and help us make some lanterns for Lunar New Year.

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

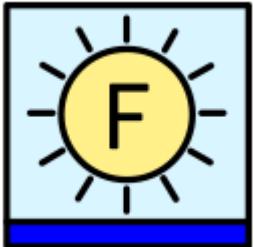
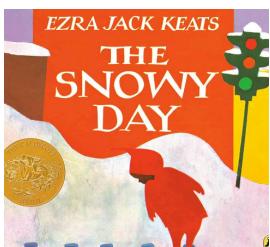
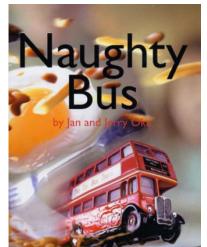
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

Our learning this half term is based around the topics; **Winter** and **Transport**.

Throughout this half term we will be exploring the season of winter and make comparisons to Autumn, noting what is the same and what is different. When reading the Naughty Bus, we will explore different occupations, and use new vocabulary in our talk and play.

As part of our **RE** topic we will be learning about celebrations and how different festivals are celebrated - we will focus on Lunar New Year, Persian new year and the festival of Holi.

Family Friday	PE
<p>We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 8:45-9:30am every other Friday.</p> <p>Our Family Friday dates for Swans are:</p> <p>Friday 16th January- Come and join us and decorate your own snowflake.</p> <p>Friday 30th January - come and join us to make your own bus out of junk modelling parts.</p> <p>Friday 13th February- come and help us make some lanterns for Lunar New Year.</p>	<p>Class PE Day: Friday</p> <p>Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Fridays.</p> 
Reading	Writing
<p>Our core texts for this term are:</p> <p>The Snowy Day and Naughty Bus</p>   <p>Book packs</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Our mark making opportunities will focus on making more discernible, purposeful marks such as writing letters for our names, and drawing familiar people and places. We will do this using a variety of tools i.e. pens, crayons, pencils and chalk.</p> <p>Pencil Control</p>  

Maths	Forest School
<p>For this coming half term we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting amounts and counting in rote order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (One to one correspondence) • Compare quantities using words such as 'the same', 'more' and 'less'. • Make comparisons between objects relating to size. • Show an interest in shapes in the environment. • Talk about and explore 2D/3D shapes 	<p>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.</p> <p>Forest School will take place from: 7th January 2026</p> <p>Children will need wellington boots and puddle suits, our sessions will be every Wednesday morning.</p> 
<p>Junk modelling and loose parts</p>	<p>Useful information</p>
<p>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.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45 ○ After school clubs 3.45-5.00 ○ Playcentre 5.00-6.00
<p>Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.</p>	
<p><u>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</u></p>	