



# Benwick Primary School

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## Swans Spring Term letter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good Christmas holiday.

Welcome to the Spring Term in Swans Class.

This term we will build on what we achieved last term with learning, however we will settle all the children back in, establishing and re-establishing relationships, routines, rules and behaviour expectations. We will revisit our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, resilience and community.

Ensuring the children feel happy and confident is really important to us all at Benwick and PSHE is high on our list of priorities.

Please help your child by ensuring they have all the things they need each day, including correct uniform and a water bottle, all of which should be clearly named. Children should not bring in toys or balls etc from home.

### Snacks:

Last term a few children were feeling hungry as we approached lunch time. A healthy breakfast is encouraged for all as is a break time snack. These should be healthy e.g. fruit or plain cereal bars. Chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps, peppermints etc are not allowed. Please remember we are a nut free school due to children with serious allergies.

### Reading book arrangements:

Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book daily as and when they complete their book. In Year 5 and Year 6 reading books takes longer to complete due to their length. The children will also "quiz" on each book in school to check their understanding. The children still benefit from reading out loud regularly and discussing their book with an adult. This happens regularly in school and we encourage you to do the same at home. Thank you to everyone who reads with their child and notes this in the reading record. This regular reading at home has a big impact on the children's progress in reading. Your child should bring their reading book and reading record to school daily.



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They will also have access to the library from where their choices will be scanned out so that they can borrow beautiful books to share with you at home. It is important that these books are returned and scanned back into the library. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter.

## PE arrangements:

Our class PE/Games sessions are on Thursday and Friday. Our first PE units are Netball on Thursday and Gymnastics on Friday.

Please make sure children have their named PE kit in school all week – this should be a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings, with tracksuit bottoms in cooler weather and trainers. Football strips and multi-coloured t-shirts and shorts are not allowed, thank you. Please bring the PE Kit to school on a Monday.

## Homework expectations:

Our basic homework expectations for children are:

Daily reading - minimum of 20 minutes – please record when you have heard them read in their reading record.

Spelling – spellings are given out on Monday and are tested on the following Monday please help your child to learn these at home, little and often is best.

Times tables- All children will be given login in details to access Times Table Rock Stars, we will have a focused times table each week, which we practise and then test on a Friday. Using a computer to practise is great, but oral counting, chanting and testing of number facts works best, so the children have rapid recall of these facts which greatly improves their ability to access mathematics across the curriculum.

There is also a homework grid on our website with extra activities that your child can complete.

## Contacting us:

We value a close relationship with Parents and Carers, so if you have anything to share with us, including worries or concerns, please do get in touch. We are available in the mornings at drop off, on the playground at home time, via dojo messaging or email.

(Please email the school office [office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk)).

During the school day telephoning school will ensure that your message gets picked up straight away.

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Miss Norris and Team