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Swans Autumn Term letter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Swans Class. We are all really looking forward to the term ahead and hope that your summer was great and that the children are feeling excited and motivated for the start of a new year.

Class teachers for Swans this year are Ms Millican and Mrs Nicholson-Smith with Mrs McAvoy, Mrs Parker and Mrs Kelso as teaching assistant support; Mrs Talbot will also teach the children RE once each week.

This term we hope to be off to a flying start with learning, however we will settle all the children back in, establish/re-establish relationship, routines, rules and behaviour expectations. 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 make the best start to the new school year 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:

Breaktime snacks are encouraged, 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 be given two books each week. These will be changed and monitored regularly by staff. 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:



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Our class PE/Games sessions are on Tuesday (Swimming Term 1) and Friday afternoons. 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.

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/Counting - All children will be given login in details to access Timetable Rockstars.

However, 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.

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 on the playground before the whistle, on the playground at home time, via dojo messaging or email (please email the school office admin@benwick.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Ms Millican, Mrs Nicholson-Smith and the Swans Team ☺