



## Junk modelling and Dressing up Clothes

We will continue to do junk modelling any household items that you would recycle will be greatly appreciated.- plastic bottle, lids, boxes. If you have any old clothing e.g. hats, shirts, bags, shoes or dressing up costumes, please donate crates, pipes, log rounds, buckets, blocks and rocks, please pass it to a member



### Forest school

Forest school activities for Swans will be on **every Tuesday**

### PE

PE will be on **Thursday**.

Children should come into school in their PE kits.

### Polite reminder

- Please return your child's book pack by **Tuesday** so it can be given out on **Friday**. Please comment in the yellow reading log and include all the resources in the pack before handing it back to our team:)
- Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled or written on all clothing.

### Breakfast club and After school

If you would like your child to attend a club please complete a form at the main office.

Breakfast clubs: 8.00-8.45

After school clubs: 3.45-5.00

Playcentre: 5.00-6.00

Thank you for your continued support throughout the last term. We look forward to another busy and exciting half term!

Nursery Team :)

Dear Nursery Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to Summer !!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy the improved weather! We have prepared lots of exciting topics and experiences for your children to explore this term.

### Adults Working in Nursery

Class Teachers: Ms Hoilett

Support Staff: Ms Colbert

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th April – Swans Family Friday

Friday 3rd May– Swans Family Friday

Monday 6th May -Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May– Sunflower Planting

Friday 17th May- Swans Family Friday

Friday 17th May–National Bee Day (wear stripes to school)

Friday 24th May – Last day of term

### Gainsborough Keeps

This term our Gainsborough keep focus is on Keep green.

We will be Planting seeds and bulbs and observing growth and decay over time. We will continue to learn what plants need to grow and will explore ways to care for them.



## Literacy

This term we will be reading the following stories in class:

- Arrggghh Spider
- Lulu loves flowers



## Phonics

We will be starting our Read Write inc phonics lessons this term focusing on the set 1 sounds. Children will be learning two sounds per week and have opportunities to recap in the provision. We will also continue to support children's phonological awareness by clapping out syllables in words and develop their awareness of rhythm and rhymes in speech.



## Reading

Children in Swans love reading and we therefore strongly encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis and provoke as many discussions around the text or their areas of interest.

You can do this by:

- Talk about illustration, characters, and key events.
- DEAR: Drop Everything And Read
- Focusing on your child's interest and do not have to finish the entire book in one go if your child would like to spend more time talking about what they can see in the book.



## Maths

For this coming half term we will be focusing on:

- Say one number for each item in order; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (One to one correspondence)
- Begin to show 'finger numbers' up to 5, and link numerals to amounts up to 5.
- Continue to count objects in a line and learn that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinal principle)
- Begin to understand positional language through words alone (e.g. in, on, under, up, down)



## Topic

Our topic this half term is: 'minibeasts, plants and growing'. We will explore a range of minibeasts including their names, characteristics, and make comparisons with vertebrates and invertebrates within the environment. We will continue to explore different life cycles and observe closely in how plants and minibeasts grow, change and decay. By making connections to our previous core text 'Lulu gets a cat', we will continue to explore and build our understanding on ways to look after living things.

Life cycle of a plant:



Useful websites to support your child's learning at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-does-your-garden-grow>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/7-tips-for-gardening-with-children>

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/tips-for-gardening-with-children/>

## Family Fridays

We would like to welcome you into our class to do an activity with your child from 8:45-9.30am every other Friday.

Week 1: Minibeasts

Week 3: Bring your favourite book!

Week 5: Plants

