



Swans Autumn 2 Newsletter

## Welcome to Autumn 2 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Autumn 2!



Our learning will be centred around **Autumn and Christmas** this term.

### Adults working in the room

Class Teachers: Ms Lau

Support Staff: Ms Candy

Specialist teacher:

Ms Castellvi (Art and Forest School)

Coach Terry (P.E.)

# 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

## Maths

In Nursery, children will build on previous learning by comparing objects according to their properties and quantities. They will explore and talk about patterns in the environment. They will use natural resources to create their own patterns. They will also begin to categorise and sort different objects according to their properties and will continue to select a small number of objects from a group.



# Literacy

Our core texts for this term are:



Throughout this half term we will build awareness of sounds in our surrounding environment. We will ask questions and share ideas about a book, including character description and drawing characters from the text. Children will begin to notice repeated refrains in stories and will retell stories using story maps and props. We will engage in discussion and make connections to our personal experiences, by expressing our ideas or mark make via a variety of tools.

## Topic

### Autumn/People and Places/Christmas

In the first three weeks, we will be exploring the Autumn season and discussing the changes in weather, plants and Autumnal animals. We will be experimenting with various sensory Autumn objects and natural resources such as pumpkins, conkers, leaves, and pinecones. In the next three weeks, children will share their own experiences of something they care about and discuss how and why they have to look after something special to them. They will build on their previous learning in Autumn 1 about taking up responsibility for looking after our family, friends, and pets. In the last week, children will 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.

## Reading Book packs

We will be giving out reading book packs to children and family 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**.



## Forest School

Our first forest school session of this half term will start from week 1, 7th November and will run every Thursday from **8:45-11:30am**. This will be a great opportunity for your child's learning and holistic development. If you can join as a volunteer please speak to a member of staff. Children will need labelled wellies and weather appropriate clothing.



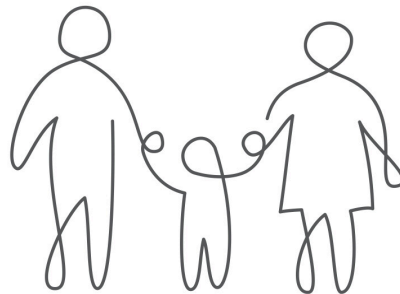
## Family Fridays

We would like to welcome you into our class to do an activity with your child from 9.00-9.30am every other Friday.

Week 2: World Nursery Rhyme week!

Week 4: Teddy bear picnic!

Week 6: All about Christmas!



## Junk modelling and loose parts

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 modelling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells.



## Observations

We will now be using an alternative online journal- Tapestry to record children's learning and to provide updates of any upcoming events. If you have not activated your parent account, please inform a member of staff.



## Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th November Geese and Doves Family Friday 8.45-9.30am

Friday 8th November FROG's Halloween Party 3.30-5.30pm, children and families welcome

Tuesday 12th November Parent's Information Evening 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 12th November Tender online safety parent sessions 4pm and 5pm

Thursday 14th November Parent's Information Evening 4-6pm

Friday 15th November Swans and Ducklings Family Friday

Friday 15th November Wear spots for children in Need, donate £1

Sunday 17th November Run GB Run Sunday 2-4pm, The Olympic Marathon Track, children and families welcome

Friday 22nd November Family Friday Geese and Doves

Friday 22nd November ODD SOCKS DAY, donate £1

Saturday 23rd November, 11-3pm, Zero waste Hub event Saturday, bring and swap shop and menders market, all families welcome

Monday 25th November Individual and sibling pictures Preschool and EYFS

Wednesday 27th November No Pen's Day!

Friday 29th November Family Friday Swans and Ducklings

Friday 6th December Family Friday Geese and Doves

Friday 13th December Family Friday Swans and Ducklings

Thursday 19th December Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 Nativity at St Mary of Eton 10am

Thursday 19th December school closes at 2pm

Friday 20th December INSET day for Nursery, Reception and School staff



## Gainsborough Keeps

Our Gainsborough keep focus for this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be learning about ways we can protect food production, such as by planting our own herbs and plants in the garden and using them in our cooking activities.

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