



September 2026

Dear Swallow Class Families,

Welcome back to the beginning of another academic year; I hope you all had a lovely Summer. The children have settled back into school really well. I am looking forward to working with you to help your child learn and grow this year.

During this term in English, our primary focus will be on the story 'The Great Paper Caper.' This delightful book provides an excellent platform for discussing important themes such as responsibility, perseverance, and honesty.

For more information about how our learning fits together this term please visit our learning web on our SMS website.

Weekly core PE lessons will be on Monday and Friday this term, so please make sure children come to school in their PE kit on these days. This term we will also have forest school every Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing (trousers, long sleeve tops, waterproofs etc) we will be going out whatever the weather!

We will have an enhanced PE day this term. We will let you know when that is later in the term.

How you can help at home:

We always begin each new academic year encouraging our families to establish a regular reading routine.

Reading will make the biggest difference to your child's learning.

At South Moreton, educational research and parent support guide our approach: we do not set large pieces of homework, as reading daily is the single most effective way to build academic success. Daily reading expands vocabulary, imagination, and comprehension - skills essential for writing and overall learning.

Therefore we ask that children should read for 10 minutes per night, and that their progress is recorded in their reading diary.

If your child has read their book 3 times and is fluent and has a good comprehension of it, please use the Active Learn website <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>. Active Learn is a very valuable resource that we use to help teach phonics across the younger years. Through this platform we are able to allocate reading books and phonics lessons for the children to practise at home.

Spellings: Children will be given their new spellings **every Friday**. We will stick these into their new reading diaries. Please encourage your child to practise these. Children will then be tested in school on the following **Friday** to see what they have remembered.

Enrichment activities for this term (optional)

- ❖ Hunt for tricky words in texts and practise spelling them using the look, cover, write, check approach.
- ❖ Linked to our whole school approach to growth mindset, set yourself a goal that you would like to achieve this academic year.
- ❖ Interview your family members about their school days. How were their experiences similar or different to your own?.
- ❖ Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Personal Belongings

Please keep the items that children bring into school to a minimum. Your child will only need **a waterproof coat, a labelled drink bottle, sun cream** and **a sun hat** as the weather may still be hot this term.

I am really looking forward to our exciting year ahead!

Kind regards,
Mr Matthews, Swallow Class Teacher