November 2026

Dear Swallow Class Families,

Welcome back! Our first term in Swallow Class went incredibly quickly and we have already. I hope that the half term break allowed you time to rest and that you return feeling refreshed.

Uk Locality study
We will be focusing on the Isle of Wight. We will look at the human and physical features of the island, transport to and on the island, comparing it to our locality.

Enhanced sports Coaching Session
We will have an enhanced sports day later in the term - look out for the date.

Forest School
Swallow Class will continue to have a forest school session every Tuesday with Mrs Cox this term. Forest school is always a highlight in the week for the children and allows them to learn and lead in a different environment! The children will be outside whatever the weather so please send the children dressed in warm, waterproof, outdoor clothing suitable for the elements!

Reading and how you can help at home
We always begin each term encouraging our families to re-establish their regular reading routine. **Reading will make the biggest difference to your child's learning.** We do not set homework but instead ask that you listen to your child read daily - little and often is key. Thank you for your support with reading so far and for your comments in your child's reading diary. We will continue changing books **every Friday.**

Additional homework is optional. For those of you that would like extra homework, there are some topic-related enrichment suggestions in the table below. These should be completed in addition to reading, not instead of reading.

Choose a sound that you find tricky and hunt for objects with the selected sound. Extend learning by exploring the alternative sounds. Example pictured below.	Hunt for tricky words in texts and practise spelling them using the look, cover, write, check approach.	Practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Practise writing number words There are lots of games to practise counting on the Top Marks website https://www.topmarks.co.uk/.
This term we are learning about how to live healthy and the importance of exercise and food. Your child could keep a diary of all the healthy things they do. Or help make a healthy meal with you.	**Vocabulary practice** https://primary-vocab-quiz.spleeno83.workers.dev/	Human and physical features are all around us. Human features are things built by humans and physical features like rivers and mountains are natural. Go on a local walk. Can you identify any human or physical features?

Personal Belongings

Please **keep the items that children bring into school to a minimum.** Your child will only need the following:

- **A warm, waterproof coat:** We go outside in all weather conditions so a good, **waterproof** coat is essential to ensure the children feel warm and comfortable.
- **No PE Kit in school:** We **will not** be changing the children at school for PE. **PE will take place every Monday and Friday.** On PE days the children can come into school dressed in their PE kit. Please dress the children appropriately for the colder weather as most of our sessions will take place outside on the playground not in the sports hall.
- **A labelled drink bottle:** please provide your child with a drinking bottle with their name on. We will send these home everyday to be cleaned.
- **Black Plimsolls:** Please provide a labelled pair of black plimsolls for your child to wear indoors. We will keep these at school during term time.

Kind regards

Mr Matthews, Swallows Teacher