

Other Important information

PE will take place on **Tuesday Morning**. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school!

How can you help at home?

Reading is a vital skill. Your child will bring home two reading books every night. We would appreciate your support in hearing your child read regularly and returning the books and signed diary to school the following day. **Reading books will be changed ONLY if your child has read to an adult four times and completed the book.**

Please support your child by listening to them read each night. Asking them questions about what they have read is a great way to help them develop their skills and understanding. You can use the bookmarks provided to help you ask questions matched to the level of text your child brings home.

Please sign the reading record book every time you have listened to your child read.

We give homework **every Friday** which has to be completed and returned on the following **Monday**. The homework will be closely linked to our work in class. The Homework activities can be English, Mathematics or Science based, with children sometimes being asked to find out information about a topic by doing personal research. We would appreciate it if you could find the time to work with your child through their homework.

Spellings will be given every **Monday** and need to be practised every night. They will be tested the following **Monday** and a new set of words will then be given. I will send home some helpful spellings strategies to support you and your child when you practise the new spellings.

We hope you find this information newsletter useful and that it enables you to have some insight into what your child will be doing at school this term. We look forward to working with you to ensure that this first term in Swallows is a very successful one for your child.

Thank you for your continued support!

Swallows' Newsletter Autumn Term 2026



Mr Grimshaw
Mrs Monk

Dear Parents/Carers,

English

In English this term we will be using our new scheme 'Ready, Steady, Write' and we will be looking at the story book 'A river' by Marc Martin. We will be learning to write a narrative and a letter using this story to give us inspiration. The children will also learn the use of the Suffixes -er & -est in adjectives, learn how to use -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs & develop understanding of regular plural noun suffixes -s or -es. As well as this they will learn how to make the correct choice and consistent use of past and present tense throughout their writing. Of course they will also focus on continuing to use capital letters, full stops and question marks.

Maths

In Maths we will be using 'Oak National Academy' to support our mathematical learning and we will be looking at a range of topics. We will learn about:

- Composition of multiples of 10
- Counting and representing the numbers 20 to 99
- Comparing, ordering and partitioning 2-digit numbers
- Secure fluency of addition and subtraction facts within 10
- Calculating within 20
- Adding and subtracting ones and tens to and from 2-digit numbers
- Grouping objects in different ways and relating to multiplication

Science:

In Science we will be learning about:

- Animals including Humans
- Living Things and their Habitats

Creative Curriculum (ICT, Art, DT, Geography, History):

Our topic this term is 'Who worked in the mills?'

We will be:

- Learning all about the Victorian mills.
- Finding out what life was like in Blackburn during this time.
- Comparing life to a child from over 100 years ago including school and jobs.
- Learning about where we live and the towns around us.

PE:

- Fundamental Skills
- Ball Skills

RE:

In RE we will be learning about:

- The Bible
- The journey to Bethlehem

Computing

We will be learning:

- How to code
- Effective searching online

Your child's targets for this half term: to be practised at home too!

Reading: To be able to answer questions about what they read. Please practise this target with your child via their home-reading book. Please focus on 'Why?' questions.

Writing: Your child's writing targets are to use punctuation to correctly demarcate sentences e.g. full stops, capital letters, commas, speech marks, exclamation marks, and question marks. Remind your child of these whenever he/she is completing any written work at home.

Mathematics: To recall facts from the 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables - *in any order*.