

# Swifts' Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2020

### Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into class this week and to see so many happy, smiling faces. As we are unable to present our welcome meeting in the usual way, we wanted to give you some essential information about our class. The children will be taught by Mrs MacKellar and Mrs Manson is our class teaching assistant. The children will also be taught by Miss Pidgeon on Wednesday mornings. The children's day runs from 9:00 am until 3:10 pm. We are aware that some pupils will be dropped off and picked up earlier with their siblings.

### PE information

This year, pupils are asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days which they have PE. Swifts PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. For the autumn term, all of our PE lessons will take place outside, so it is important that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather.

### Reading

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 should be reading to an adult at home, as well as independently. We recommend reading with your child every day for 10 to 15 minutes. Please make a note of the date, title and type of book, and the page numbers the child has read.

This year we will be issuing reading books on Mondays and Thursdays only (this allows us to quarantine books for 72 hours before sending them home with another child). We also ask that you return reading books on these days.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. We have agreed in school that homework in the first half term will focus on basic skills. Homework will vary weekly, alternating between activities such as reading comprehension, grammar revision and mathematical fluency and reasoning problems. Pupils will also receive spellings, which will be tested in class on a Wednesday afternoon. Some homework may be set online.

Topic homework will be set later in the term.

### Finally...

We will let you know as soon as possible if there are any changes that may affect the class.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.