

Benwick Primary School



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Link Up Swans – Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Spring Term at Benwick Primary School. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. We have a very exciting term ahead, and I am certain that the children will thoroughly enjoy their topic of 'Groovy Greeks'. All subject areas are linked to the topic.

Our History topic of 'Groovy Greeks' will include the children learning about Athens and Sparta, the difference between then and now, Greek myths and how the Ancient Greeks lived day to day.

In Science, the children will be focusing on Plants and Life Cycles. They will learn about life cycles of different animals including insects, mammals, birds and reptiles. They will study plants and look at germination, dispersal and pollination.

The Art and Design Technology this term is linked to the topic of Groovy Greeks. They will explore different examples of Greek pottery, and make their own clay pots and papier Mache Greek urns. They will also build models of Greek ships and temples. As part of our Food Technology they will investigate what makes a Greek salad and create our own.

PSHE will focus on diversities and communities. The children will be looking at stereo-typing, caring for the environment, looking after people in the community and their own identities.

PE

Swans will have gymnastic lessons every Monday afternoon (**INDOOR PE KIT will be required**), and they will participate in netball lessons every Tuesday afternoon (**OUTDOOR PE KIT will be required**).

Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit in school, so that they can participate fully and safely in an essential part of our curriculum. **Remember, outdoor kit needs to include appropriate clothing.**

Homework

Reading – Your child should be taking their reading book home **every night**. Year 5 & 6 children are expected to be much more independent readers, however it is just as important at this age for them to have somebody to read to on occasion. Don't forget, you can log on to Accelerated Reader to find out how well your child is performing in the comprehension quizzes.

Topic – A topic based project will be handed out at the start of each half term.

Year 6 will also have 3 x 10 minutes SATs exercises a week in Reading, Maths and Grammar.

Times tables – Multiplication tables and division facts need to be practised on a weekly basis. Children will be tested each Friday morning.

Spellings – Spellings are tested on a weekly basis. They will be sent out on Friday and tested the following Friday.

It is important that year 5/6 children complete homework as independently as possible. If they are struggling, please support them, and make a note in their book to let us know that they have needed assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries you might have about our learning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wakefield & Miss Turner
Swans Teachers