

# Benwick Primary School



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## Link Up Swans – Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Benwick Primary School. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We have a very exciting term ahead, and we are certain that the children will thoroughly enjoy their topic of 'Crime and Punishment'. All subject areas are linked to the topic.

Our topic of 'Crime and Punishment' will include the children learning about how crimes are detected, and different measures taken by the police in order to find criminals (finger prints, photo fits, witness statements, etc). They will also investigate the different punishments that were implemented during both the Tudor and Victorian times.

In Science, the children will be focusing on gravity and forces. They will learn about how different forces act on objects, and that the force of objects changes in water. The children will create their own scientific investigations, and will relate observations and findings to scientific knowledge and understanding. They will present their results in a variety of ways, including tables and line graphs, and using this to identify patterns in their data.

In Art, the children will investigate the work of street artist Banksy. They will explore different examples of his work, identifying the hidden messages and offering an interpretation for each piece. They will look at graffiti in the local area, and use this, along with their understanding of Banksy's artwork, to create their own individual tag.

During Design Technology, the children will be given the opportunity to design and make their own catapult. They will investigate different types of catapults, and use this information to create an effective catapult, using a wide range of materials.

R.E. will focus on beliefs and actions in the world. This will include looking at the work of Christian Aid, and being able to make links between wealth, poverty and the changing world.

## PE

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

**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