

Reception Class Newsletter



27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Hopefully we will see some improvements in the weather in the coming weeks. In "Understanding the World" the children will be exploring the natural world describing what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Before the half term break the children had noticed plants beginning to grow and hopefully soon we will see leaves back on the big trees in the front playground. Changes in clothes will also be noted in that, fingers crossed, hats, scarves and gloves will no longer be needed! This awareness of how the seasons change over the year links to a focus in maths on "Time". In previous learning, children will have already begun to understand simple time differences, such as night and day. In this small next step, children are encouraged to talk about time in more detail. Children are supported by giving them reference points, such as photographs of events on a journey or in a book, so that they can recall past experiences and notice seasonal change. Discussing what is happening tomorrow, next week or at the weekend to support children to talk about the more immediate future. To give children a concept of time passing, regular references to time in daily routines are made, songs such as Days of the Week are sung and recall the days that have passed.

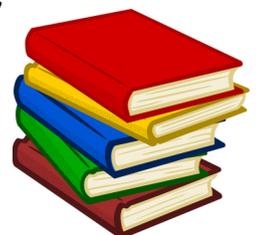


The children will then progress to ordering and sequencing simple events. Using the calendar to mark off the days leading up to special events to help to show the passing of time. Children will not yet understand standard units of time; however, pointing out when key events are happening, such as the clock showing twelve for lunchtime, can help to develop this. Use real life scenarios to support children to sequence events that require a time, such as baking or preparing snack. Enacting stories that follow a sequence of events or the days of the week will support children to sequence time in simple ways.

Key vocabulary and language includes : This evening/tomorrow/next week/at the weekend? What happened yesterday/last week/last month/last year? What will we do before/after school? Tomorrow is/yesterday was . First/then/after we will.

Stories and rhymes which link to the above include : DAYS OF THE WEEK Rhyme, FIVE MINUTES PEACE by Jill Murphy, MR. WOLF'S WEEK by Colin Hawkins, JASPER'S BEANSTALK by Nick Butterworth. These can all be found on the internet by typing in to the search engine if you would like to spend time at home with your child listening to the book and talking about it or maybe the local library in Old Swan may have a copy for you to take home.

Old Swan Library is on Prescot Road and is open until 6:00pm on Monday and Tuesday and 5:00pm on Friday, 4:00pm on Saturday. If your child is not already a member of the library it is something really worthwhile to think about.



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