



Year R News Letter

November 2024



What are we learning about?

Our current project is 'Woodland animals & The dark.' For more information please see the overview on the school website under the "Our curriculum" tab and look for Year R year group. The next project will be 'People who help us'.

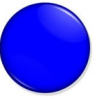
We are keen for the children in Robins and Wrens to find out about the important jobs people do to help us (doctor, nurse, care worker, vet, police officer, firefighter, paramedic, builder, delivery drivers,



shopworker...) If you work in one of these professions and would be happy to come into school to chat to the children and answer their questions for around 20 minutes about your job and show them your uniform or the tools of the trade we would love to hear from you. We are always keen for them to see the vehicles associated with these jobs as well. It would be great to hear from any firefighters, paramedics, police officers helicopter pilots (that would be a first for Swanmore!) who can bring their vehicles to school for a short while. After this project we will be doing lots of work on the Christmas story and activities related to the festivities.



HOME READING.



Thank you to those of you who are regularly hearing your child read their books at home. Please can we remind you to make a note in their reading diaries, we suggest you write the date and name of the book read, you do not need to write much. Our expectation is that you read four times a week, this will make a big difference to your child's progress and enjoyment of reading. As an added incentive it will give them a sticker and will take them a step closer to their next reading badge. All our Year R children are well on the way to getting their blue badge with only a few more weeks to go! Please feel free to talk to us if you are encountering problems with home reading.

School toys and equipment

We have noticed that quite a few of our school toys have disappeared! We have hunted for these around the unit and would now ask if you could take a look at home. We realise that it is very tempting to take these resources home and it is an important part of learning to be part of the school community. If you find any stray toys and school resources please return them to the class teacher and please don't worry that your child will be in trouble, it is all part and parcel of life in Year R!



PART TIME

It is our expectation that, now we have reached October half term all our Year R children attend full time. There may still be an odd, occasional afternoon when they would benefit from time at home but please discuss this with the staff beforehand.

Welly walks

We still have a few children who have not bought a pair of wellies to keep in school in our welly boxes. We would also like wet weather trousers please.



Outside PE Kits

We have noticed that a few PE Kits look a little empty! Children will need both indoor kits, (T shirts and shorts) and outdoor kits (warm Tracksuit trousers and hoodies/sweatshirts and trainers/plimsolls.) You may also like to put spare pants and socks in their PE bags in case they have an accident.



Hair Check

Please can you check your child's hair and use a nit solution at home if necessary. We have had a few cases and want to try prevent further spreading. Thank you.



Poppies for Remembrance.



Next week we will be talking about Remembrance Sunday and the children will watch a short Royal British legion DVD about poppies, memorials and families affected by war. On Monday 11th November we will cross the road and look at the Swanmore memorial and will talk to the children about Eleanor Dlugosz who died in the war in Iraq in 2007 and was a past pupil of the school. This is done in a sensitive manner but we felt it appropriate to let you know in advance in case your child comes home and talks about it. Poppies will be available for purchase from school if you wish to send your child in with a small contribution.



FOSPS 50p present sale

For those of you that are new to the school, this is one of the most magical events that FOSPS organise for the children. During the event, children bring in 50p or £1 so that they can buy a gift for their Mums, Dads and carers. This is then wrapped up ready for them to take home so you can have a lovely surprise on Christmas morning!



Before this takes place we have our 'Dress as you Please Day' on Friday 6th December. This is where children can come in wearing non-school uniform and in exchange FOSPS are asking if you could kindly donate unwanted, new gifts suitable for both mums and dads. Without these donations the event could not take place so thank you in advance!

Our 50p present sale will take place on the last day of term in the afternoon. FOSPS are always on the look out for parents to help out at this event.

Year R Nativity

In a short while we will begin to practise our nativity. The children will all have some words to say in the show. Please can you help



them to learn these off by heart.

We have many costumes in school, we will send home letters to let you know if additional items are required.

Also, please can you put your child in plain socks or tights on Monday 9th Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December for the dress rehearsals and performances so we can avoid having sheep with dinosaur socks!



JUNK MODELLING

This year the children are very keen on junk modelling. We really appreciate your donations of clean recycling materials for them to use in their creations. Please remember **no packaging that has contained nuts, eggs or medicines**. Thank you!



Read Write Inc Phonics

We are really enjoying teaching phonics to your children and are thrilled with their enthusiasm and the progress they are making learning the daily sounds and are now beginning to apply these skills to read and write words. The children have so far learnt the following sounds; m a s d . We have sent home a small green Read Write Inc speed sound books to help them to practise recognising these sounds at home. We suggest you flick through the ones we have learnt every time you read with your child. Please could you or your child write their name on their book. Please also refer to the booklet we have emailed on supporting your child with reading and phonics at home and please ask if you have any questions about phonics or reading.



Diary dates:

- || Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st November - Open morning for Year R 2025 intake
- || Friday 6th December - Non uniform Day /bring a gift for 50p present sale
- || Tuesday 5th December - School nurses in for health checks & YR Dress rehearsals for school infants
- || Monday 9th December - Year R Nativity Dress Rehearsal.
- || Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December - Year R Nativity.
- || Wednesday 18th December - Infant Christmas Lunch
- || Thursday 19th December - Bring a packed lunch (KS2 lunch -No hot dinners available)
- || Friday 20th December - Christmas jumper day & Carols round the tree outside
- || Friday 15th December - 50p present sale pm and last day of school
- || Monday 6th January - Spring term starts

