Swingate Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter – Term 2 November 2026

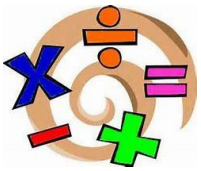




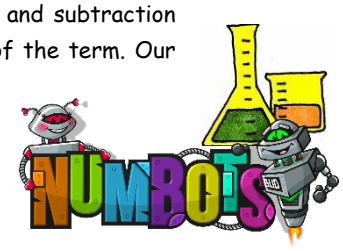
Welcome back, we hope you had a great half-term! Once again, we would all like to say a big well done on your Harvest Festival performance; we are super proud of everyone! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We are looking forward to another fun filled term. Your children have made such a positive first impression and we cannot wait to see where our learning will take us next!

In **English** we are continuing to focus on our letter formation by having our daily handwriting sessions. Your children's handwriting is beginning to look amazing and they are trying really hard to begin to use cursive handwriting. We will be using our new 'Ready, Steady, Write' learning to create narratives, invitations and letters. We are also be using language through colour to support the children's independence when writing to support us with ordering our words in a sentence. We are reading common exception words and speaking clearly and listening to others. We will continue to practise our sounds; we are enjoying using 'All Aboard Phonics'. We are beginning to learn Phase 5 sounds. Please come and speak to us if you need any help or support - we are more than happy to help.





In **Maths,** we are learning our number bonds to 10 and working out simple addition and subtraction number sentences. We are also learning about 2D and 3D shapes towards the end of the term. Our Rocking Recall Fact focus this term will be to know all doubles and halves to 10. We are excited to see how well your child is doing on Numbots, lots of children are already extremely engaged with the app. This will really support their knowledge in number and is a fun way of learning. We have had positive feedback already so please encourage your children to continue playing. If you have any questions then please come and ask us.



In **Science** we are learning about materials. We will be able to describe some of their properties and participate in simple observations. We will also be exploring how to become <u>real</u> scientists and create a fair test to determine if our predictions are correct.

Reading- As you are aware, reading is a big focus across the whole school and we would like to thank you for reading with your child regularly and encouraging them to learn their sounds. If you need any support with this please do not hesitate to ask. We would like to politely remind you to write every time, when they have read in their reading contact books, this helps us know when they will need their book changing. Your child can read books from home as well as their school reading book. We encourage children to read a variety of texts to build upon their love of reading. There are so many benefits of reading with your child and it supports all other areas in the curriculum.

The weather is becoming colder and the UK's weather can be unpredictable. The children have learning opportunities outside as well as break times and lunchtimes. Please ensure children come into school fully equipped with a waterproof coat, even if it does not look like it is going to rain, to ensure they can stay warm and healthy.

<u>Important dates</u>
Monday 2nd November – Staff Development Day – no children in school
Tuesday 3rd November- Term 2 starts
Friday 6th November- Class photographs
Friday 13th November- Flu vaccines for Year R to 6
Friday 13th November- Children In Need Day- Children to come in wearing something yellow or spotty (50p)
Monday 16th November- Anti- bullying Week- Children may wear odd socks to school
Wednesday 2nd December- Fire Safety Talks
Friday 4th December- SCC Christmas lights switch on & tag day
Friday 11th December- Visit from Santa
Monday 14th December to Friday 18th December- Christmas Jumper week
Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December- Last day of Term 2
Monday 4th January- First day of Term 3

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Varley, Mrs Kumar, Mrs Wells, Mrs Payne, Mrs Williams, Mrs McBride Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Holmes