



Quethiock C of E School
CLASS NEWS - AUTUMN TERM 2020
Class - Mini Swans Teacher - Miss Miller

A message from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

We have come back to school to begin this new academic year with excitement and enthusiasm ready to learn and ready to 'Grow together towards success'. We have a big focus on behaviour for learning this term, the children will be trying to earn as many Dojo's as possible, demonstrating that they are both ready for learning and being super kind friends. I hope all children will be aiming to be 'always pupils' (always there, ready to learn (no C2 or C3). We will be starting the new term with our 'Learn to Learn' week packed full of learning opportunities for your child to become a confident and resilient learner. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time everyday. It is really important that we are all here and ready to learn as soon as the doors open at 8.30. You will notice a slight change in our daily timetable, however, I am sure we will all find our feet really quickly. If you do have any questions or concerns, the quickest and safest way to contact me at the moment is through an email: rmiller@stbarnabasmat.com. I will try to respond as quickly as possible. Thank you for your continued support, Miss Ruth Miller

This term, we will be covering..

Our topic is called 'This is me!' We will be finding out all about ourselves and our families too.

We will be exploring a new maths scheme called 'Power Maths'- I think it looks really exciting.

Our literacy focus will be learning how to create and share 'Helicopter stories' with our friends.

Your child will be coming home with their Reading Spine Bookmark this week. Please take the time to explore these books at home with your child throughout this year.

We are working towards...

All the children on the 'Always' at the end of this half term will be treated to an afternoon of special outdoor fun and games. 'Always' pupils are always in school ready to learn and always keep to our school rules.

This term's challenge...

Reading is a big focus for us this half term. Please try to support your child and find the enjoyment reading can bring.

Share a story or even create a new story of your own together. You could share it with me on Tapestry if you are feeling confident!

Did you know, everyday we....

Share a Traditional Tale and Nursery rhyme.

We also take part in daily phonics, maths and literacy sessions. We make sure every child is grouped according to their ability- we are all thriving!

Practise our handwriting to improve the presentation of our work.

Read/share a story with an adult everyday.

What are we reading this term?	Things to look forward to....
<p><i>Our Traditional tales are: ‘The Ugly Duckling’ and ‘Goldilocks and the three Bears’ We will focus on each spine book for two weeks, this half term we will explore: Pre-School ‘Reading Spine books: ‘Elmer’, ‘Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy’, and ‘Peepo’: Reception Reading Spine books: ‘The Tiger who came to tea’, ‘Peace at Last’ and ‘Avocado Baby’ The Nursery rhymes we will focus on this half term are: ‘The Grand old Duke of York’, ‘When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears’, we will of course be learning even more in between!</i></p>	<p><i>Our Art week is at the end of this January. Do you know of anyone who could come in and talk to the pupils about how they use art skills in their job or as a relaxation hobby? Or, perhaps you would like to start thinking about: National Inventors Day on 10th February! ‘Stomp into September’- World First Aid Day 10th September Roald Dahl Day - Dressing Up- Friday 11th September International Talk Like A Pirate Day-17th September National Baking Week-12th October Harvest Festival</i></p> <p><i>All of the year group adventure trips this term!</i></p>
<p>This term we have ‘Grown Together Towards Success’ by...</p>	
<p><i>Our new class structure has allowed us to work with the pupils to ensure that each lesson is closely matched to their needs and to introduce some intervention groups to support those children who need a little extra help to catch up with their peers. As we are now working as one EYFS class, both the Cygnets and Swanlings can all take part and enjoy the wonderful learning experiences together.</i></p>	

Topic learning ideas...	
<p><i>Why not find out as much as you can about your own family. Can you create a family tree?</i></p>	
Recommended Reads	Useful websites
<p><i>If your child is romping through their reading spine books that they have been challenged to read by the end of the year, why not look out for some of our Traditional Tales! Cinderella Rumpelstiltskin The Frog Prince Goldilocks The Three Pigs</i></p>	<p><i>Online stories: Cbeebies Oxford Owl Phonics: Oxford Owl Teach your Monster to read Maths: Numberblocks</i></p>
Things to do over the Autumn term	Trips this term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Practice your baking ready for National Baking week (12/10/20)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Continue to practise your early reading skills using the Teach your Monster to read app.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Continue developing your maths knowledge using the Numbots app.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Find out about different people or places around the world</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Learn to count forwards and backwards to 10, or even to 20!</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Go for a walk somewhere new and write about the things you saw</i> 	<p><i>We are not sure which trips we will be able to run due to COVID-19 and the restrictions in place. Please rest assured that we are keen to offer our pupils a broad experience and so are regularly assessing what is possible and will keep you informed.</i></p>

