



# Walmore Hill Primary School

## Newsletter 1

5th September 2019

### Weekly update

Welcome back to school. It was so lovely to see lots of smiling children on Tuesday morning looking very smart in their new school uniform. A very big welcome goes to all our new children. We are very lucky this year to have 10 reception children join us. It has only been 2 days but they have all settled very quickly. I have been very impressed with the children's attitude to learning as they returned to school. They have all come back ready to learn and work hard. Mrs Loten and I are very excited about all the fun things we have planned for this term. Mrs Evans

### Cygnets class



We have had a great week in Cygnets class. The year 1 and 2 children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have worked hard every day.

Our new Reception children are settling in well too. We are really impressed by their ability to play together. They have already joined in our assemblies and love going out to play with the older children.

### Swans class



This term swans class topic is 'Stargazers'. We will be taking a journey into space and finding out about the planets in our solar system. Take a look at the website to find out more details about the topic and what the children will be learning in Maths and English. We have a trip planned to visit the Planetarium in Bristol. A letter will be coming home with more details. We are having a focus on times tables in maths. If you would like ideas for how to practise at home

### This weeks superstars

**Readers of the week:** Rachael

**Writers of the week:** Tayler

**Stars of the week:** Ethan, Niko



### Dates to remember

- 19th Sept Swans trip
- 27th Sept Macmillan coffee morning 9.00-11.00am
- 27th Sept Non-uniform day
- 4th Oct Y5/6 Cheltenham literature festival
- 10th Sept Y3/4 Cheltenham literature festival
- 11th Sept R/Y1/2 Cheltenham literature festival
- 18th Sept Harvest assembly 9am
- 25th Oct end of term
- 4th Nov back to school

### Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important to ensure all pupils achieve their full academic achievement.

Regular attendance means attending school every-day, arriving at school on time and attending every lesson. Failing to attend school regularly can have a major impact on children's education, their future and their life chances. We are holding a termly attendance raffle. Children will earn a raffle ticket for each full week they are at school. There will be prizes of Amazon vouchers for the winners.



## Star Reader



“Reading is the key that unlocks the world.”

At Walmore Hill we believe that reading is the most important thing that we can teach the children. It opens up an amazing world to the children. So, each week we will be choosing a child or adult to tell you about their favourite book and why they love it so much.

## Homework

We believe that homework can support the children’s learning in school and provide opportunity for them to practise.

**Reading:** It is important that children read regularly at home to help them make progress. We recommend 10-20mins every day in Cygnets class and 20-30mins in swans class. Please record in the yellow reading records.

**Spellings:** All children will have weekly spelling tests. Lists will be sent home at the beginning of every term. If you lose them they are also on the school website. Please help your child practise regularly.

**Times tables/ number facts:** these are key to success in maths in year 5 and 6. 10 mins daily will help your child learn the facts. Children will have a login for Times Tables Rockstars which they can access online to help them practise. We will be holding a parents meeting to look at this in more detail soon. Look out for details.

# Family challenge zone

Each week we will be posting challenges for you to have a go at as a family at home. We will post one for Cygnets class and one for Swans class. In school we will have a challenge board. We would like the children to have a go with their family at home and bring in their work. We will display the work they

## **Healthy Eating reminder**

At Walmore Hill we encourage pupils to think about eating healthily.

**Break times** – If you want your child to have a snack please send fresh fruit, dried fruit, or a healthy cereal bar. Sweets, chocolate, crisps and biscuits are not suitable for a mid-morning snack.

**Water bottles** - Pupils are encouraged to drink water during the day. It is really helpful if children bring a named drinks bottle to school. Only water is allowed during lesson time.



## **DON'T FORGET:**

Please could all children have their PE kit in school everyday.

