Alder Class Newsletter: Autumn I

Firstly, welcome back to all the children and you too! I am looking forward to working with many of the children for the first time, as well as catching up with those I taught previously. As you know, this year's class is a mixed Year 5 and 6 class so there will be times when some information is only relevant to Year 6 – such as that relating to SATs. This is mainly a newsletter about routines, but watch out for regular SATs updates and information throughout the year up until SATs week.

If you have any questions or concerns, do please email me at: a.madeley@swantonmorley.norfolk.sch.uk

Routines





PE and Swimming.

Whole Class PE is on Tuesdays – all children to wear their PE kits. Please wear your Team t-shirt or one of the same colour and trainers (not school shoes) and be prepared to be outside in all weathers!

On Wednesdays this half term the whole class will be swimming. All children will therefore need their swimming kit with them on Wednesdays. They will be divided up into 2 groups so they will swim for half of the afternoon each. This will be sorted out before the first session next week.

Golden Time.

The children do have Golden Time allowance, but also have the chance to earn extra which we will bank up for an extended session each half term. I am happy for the children to bring in toys, games etc. but no internet-linked devices please.

What I will usually provide/set every Monday.
Due back on Thursday.



This will be slightly different for Year 5s and Year 6s.

For Year 6, you will receive weekly Maths AND either Reading or GPS homework. (That's Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)

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What your child needs to do in addition to the above, especially important in Year 6:

- Daily reading at home please – this can be of any text and can be to themselves, to you, to a sibling etc. Key thing is reading! Speed and recall is vital for SATs.
- Daily Times Tables – TTRS please, and any other platforms, or songs or games.
- Spelling – learn the Statutory Words lists etc I will send home.

Once the children are settled in, we will be inviting you in to join us for different events. This year there will be a number of different class day trips, with some especially for Year 6. Details to follow shortly...