



# SWANWICK STORY

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

We hope you all had a fantastic break and Happy New Year!

This is our first Swanwick Story of 2023 and we have been very busy in the first 2 weeks back at school!

We have a few reminders about events this term, along with some information about our busy return to school.

## NSPCC Day- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

This year we are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. We are supporting the NSPCC by take part in 'Dress up for Digits' and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games. We are asking for a £1 cash donation that will go directly to NSPCC and support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Child line. More information about this event can be here.

Mrs Staley  
Mathematics Lead

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

If you have a child in Year 4, your child will be participating in the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) in June, 2023. Please [click here](#) for more information. There will be some meetings, in the school hall, on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00pm** where more information about the MTC will be shared and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

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## Bedtime Reading Fun!



Thank you so much to all the children and adults that attended our annual Bedtime Reading Event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We hold this event to send a strong message to all our children around the importance and excitement of books. At the end of the event, Mr Morris shared a bedtime story with the children who attended and the magic of the book had everyone (adults included) absorbed!





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## Reading Opportunities



We have taken the decision to end our subscription with Bug Club.

We are very excited to have launched our **Class Libraries** this term and children should now have access to these additional books to take home. In addition, we hope to replenish our book stocks and invest in further texts to support our curriculum and our phonics scheme 'Read Write Inc'

Please remember that you can still access **Online books** via the free websites at

[Oxford Owl](#) or [Epic](#)



## Year 3 Roman Day Success

On Wednesday Year 3 enjoyed a Roman day in school. Gregorius Manlius from the 9<sup>th</sup> legion visited the children and helped them to learn about life as a Roman soldier. They learnt how to march in formation using a 'testudo', looked at the armour of a soldier and learnt a bit more about what life would be like. This was followed by learning to write using ink, looking at artefacts and playing a Roman game. After lunch the children took part in some gladiator training. It was an excellent day and the children had a great time. They also looked amazing in their costumes.

Thank you for your continued support!





**WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS TO SUPPORT OUR PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES**

**Donations**

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As you may be aware, we now have a new shed which we are looking to fill with the following items. If you can donate any of these items, then we would really appreciate it!

Items Needed			
Please can you help us by donating any of the following items to enhance our Lunchtime Provision for all our children?			
Board Games		Dolls	Cars
Car Mats	Lego	Stencils/Markmaking opportunities	Playmobil
Stilts or balance equipment	Kinex	Large Games	Snakes and ladders (Large)

**Reception- A call with a Zoo Keeper**



Reception's enquiry 'Walk on the Wild Side' was off to a roaring start this week as they had a video call with a real-life Zoo Keeper! The children looked at photos of her at work and thought of their own questions to ask. We now know that aardvarks eat 'bug custard' for lunch, bears can be trained using hand signals, and crocodiles have bird friends that eat the bugs off of their backs!

**Swimming News from Summer and Ethan** →



Swimming

Who: Hi where Summer Foggatt and Ethan Bailey. Summer: Ripley Rascals & Ethan: Bulper Marlins SC

What: We swam at a Swimming competition.

Why: 50<sup>m</sup> Ripley Rascals anniversary. Also to represent our clubs.

When: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January all day.

What races:

<u>Summer</u>	what race	<u>Ethan</u>	what race
50m Backstroke	1:31.8	100m backstroke	4:44
50m frontcrawl	1:11.1	50m butterfly	4:44
50m Breaststroke	2:01.1	50m breaststroke	3:08
		100m I.M	3:08
		100m individual medley	3:08



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**Well done to the following children for their achievements over the last couple of weeks.**

**It is great to see you challenging yourselves in a range of Sports and Dance clubs!**

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## All Inclusive Sports Club- Off site



You may be interested in joining a sports club. This information has also gone out via Parent's Hub but you can find out more by [clicking here](#).

## Cost of living information



