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Swans Newsletter – Spring Term 2, 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and crucial half term in Swans - aside from SATs prep, we have lots of new and exciting learning coming up, some field work and the Hoodies are on their way!.

This half term the 3-week blocks that I will teach to Year 6 are on **Geography** and **Music**. In **Geography** we are looking at maps in various forms – from paper, Ordnance Survey maps, to Google Earth and other online maps, symbols, scale and grid references, creating our own versions of the local area. We will then study maps of the Bury area through time and think about how facilities and transport have changed from what we can see on those maps. We will go on a trip out into Bury (letter to follow) to collect data about transport and think about how it could be managed better.

In **Maths** we will be continuing to look at some challenging areas including **ratio, algebra and statistics**, using our very successful and popular White Rose workbooks. Support from home would be greatly appreciated using the White Rose App, Times Tables Rock Stars, Hit the Button or the BBC Supermovers songs.

Our **English** writing this half term will be based on the exploits of an extraordinary American woman called Annie Edson Taylor, who was the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. We will use drama to explore her character and motivation to do this, role playing different scenes as Annie, the barrel maker and the crowd who watched the spectacle. We will use this to help us write some dialogue, a newspaper report and a diary entry.

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts. A reminder that children are expected to read at home daily, for around 20 minutes, **recording this in their Planners**, and parents should please **sign once a week** to confirm this. I would really appreciate your support with reinforcing this most beneficial habit - which helps with so many aspects of our learning. Happy reading.

In **Science** we are looking at electricity, circuits and diagrams, and will research the life of electrical pioneer Nicola Tesla. There will also be a Homework project based on renewable energy sources

Early Birds Booster sessions will continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.25am for the rest of the term. Thanks for your continued support with your child's learning.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp